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Boko Haram: UNIMAID lecturers in captivity 48 days as Army rescues six

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The Nigerian Army said on Saturday that its troops rescued six persons abducted by Boko Haram in the Kamuya area of Yobe State.

It was learnt that the troops of 27 Brigade, Operation Lafiya Dole, shot dead two of the terrorists at Mangari village, near Kamuya, before rescuing the abductees at about 7.30am on Friday.

The Director, Army Public Relations, Brig Gen Sani Usman, who confirmed the rescue operation in Kamuya, said the victims had been reunited with their families.

He said, "Suspected Boko Haram terrorists abducted six persons from the village. The troops in conjunction with local vigilantes familiar with the area trailed the terrorists up to Mangari village, killed two of them and rescued the abducted persons. The troops also recovered two AK-47 rifles. The rescued persons have been reunited with their family."

This is just as four lecturers of the University of Maiduguri, Borno State, who were abducted in the Magumeri area of Borno State by the terrorists during an oil exploration, spend 48 days in the insurgents' camp.

The lecturers were abducted on Tuesday, July 25.

One of the lecturers in captivity, identified as Dr. Solomon Yusuf, had on Tuesday reportedly written a letter to his wife, Hannatu, in which he also bemoaned the failure of Federal Government to free them from captivity.

Meanwhile, the Army spokesman, in a statement on Saturday, stated that some "negative"

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He said, "This worrisome trend is observed mostly whenever we record successes in our military operations against Boko Haram terrorists and other laudable endeavours such as when the United States Government decided to sell Tucano aircrafts to Nigeria.

"Such unguarded utterances and malicious allegations by individuals and reports by non-governmental organisations are false and ill-timed. We will continue to clear the remnants of the Boko Haram terrorists wherever they might be hiding."

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