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Troops rescue 161, kill Boko Haram insurgents, arrest 84

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The Nigerian Army has said its troops killed many Boko Haram/Islamic State in West African Province insurgents during various operations in the North-East.

The operatives also arrested 84 suspected terrorists and rescued 161 men, women, and children from captivity in Borno State.

The Nigerian Army Operations Media Coordinator, Col. Aminu Iliyasu, in a statement in Abuja on Thursday, said the operations were carried out in conjunction with the troops of the Multi-National Joint Task Force.

Iliyasu said the troops of the Nigerian Army Super Camp 7 deployed in the Bama area of the state killed one terrorist, captured one alive and rescued eight women and six children at Tafana 1, 2 and 3 villages in Bama on December 27, 2019.

He said, “The troops captured Boko Haram flags, recovered 16 arrows and 32 refilled rounds of 7.62mm special ammunition during the encounter.

“They also arrested 75 suspected Boko Haram agents and rescued 147 civilians, comprising 79 males and 68 females, who had been under the captivity of the terrorists.”

Iliyasu said the rescued civilians were conveyed to a humanitarian facility in Monguno and handed over to the officials of the Borno State Emergency Management Agency.

The statement further disclosed that the troops of 25 Task Force Brigade arrested a high profile Boko Haram informant/logistics supplier, Ibrahim Buba, and two others suspected to be his couriers at Shuwari village in Damboa District.

The troops of 242 Battalion in Monguno similarly arrested suspected terrorists’ logistics suppliers, Abubakar Aisami and Modu Baba, with foodstuffs, and drugs concealed in a bag of corn powder for delivery to the terrorists.