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## Troops kill 10 insurgents, free 465 captives

TROOPS on clearance operations have killed no fewer than 10 Boko Haram insurgents and rescued 465 captives in different parts of Borno State between January 2 and 4, this year.

However, one soldier died while four others were wounded during the encounter with the terrorists.

The insurgents reportedly suffered heavy casualties during an attack in Michika, Adamawa State which was repelled by the

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troops of 217 Tank Battalion on January 2.

A statement by the Nigerian Army Operations Media Coordinator, Col. Aminu Iliyasu, on Sunday, stated, "Two terrorists were confirmed dead while many other injured ones were believed to have been evacuated by the fleeing insurgents.

The terrorists also abandoned a truck mounted with an anti-aircraft gun, two AK47 rifles, four AK47 rifle magazines, two motorcycles, one machete, some quantities of food items, drugs as well as Improvised Explosives

handed a seven-day ultimatum to the hospital management

Devices detonating wires."

Four Boko Haram insurgents were also said to have been killed at Kopa village in the Madagali LGA of Adamawa State while a gun truck, two motorcycles, one anti-aircraft gun, and two AK47 rifles were captured by the troops of 144 Battalion.

Additionally, on January 4, defiant Boko Haram criminals who attempted to attack the headquarters of the 29 Task Force Brigade located at Jakana in the Konduga LGA of Borno State were outgunned and handed a devastating defeat.

has further pauperised residents of border communities in Ogun West.

The criminals had approached the troops' location in six gun trucks accompanied by a number of foot soldiers, but they were engaged by the troops in a fierce battle forcing them to flee in confusion.

The statement said at the end of the encounter, six Boko Haram members were neutralised while one General Purpose Machine gun, three AK47 rifles, 535 rounds of 7.62mm x 51 NATO (Belted) ammunition, and one rocket-propelled gun bomb were captured from them.