

Troops killed 41 Boko Haram fighters in Borno –DHQ

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The Defence Headquarters has said troops killed 41 insurgents during an attempt by the hoodlums to overrun Monguno, Borno State, on June 12.

It explained that soldiers of *Operation Lafiya Dole* in the counter-attack also rescued 33 captives and recovered a large cache of arms, ammunition and equipment.

The troops also reportedly eliminated high-value Boko Haram leaders and some of their fighters at Garin Maloma, on the fringes of the Sambisa Forest.

The Coordinator, Defence Media Operations, Maj. Gen. John Enenche, disclosed to journalists in Abuja on Thursday that the armed forces have equally continued to build on recent successes against bandits operating in the North-West.

He stated, “The counter-attack by our troops at Monguno resulted in the neutralization of 41 terrorists. Within the period under review, the land and air components of *Operations Hadarin Daji, Katsina and Accord*, carried out aggressive clearance operations at several identified bandits’ enclaves.

“Most importantly was the attack on three camps operated by one Adamu Aleiro in a forest along Katsina-Zamfara boundary area.”

Meanwhile, the Air Task Force of *Operation Lafiya Dole* has destroyed a compound housing some high-value Boko Haram leaders and their fighters.

The Army said in a statement, “The attack at Garin Maloma, a major node in the BHT’s line of communication in the Sambisa Forest axis, was undertaken based on credible intelligence reports as well as days of surveillance missions indicating that the terrorists had begun using one of the compounds in the settlement for accommodation and training of their fighters.”