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Five Borno, Yobe insurgents killed, nine bandits arrested – DHQ

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The Defence Headquarters has said the activities of bandits and other criminals are reducing on account of the current onslaught against them by troops.

Speaking in Abuja on Thursday during the weekly briefing on the ongoing military operations across the country, the Coordinator, Defence Media Operations, Maj. Gen. John Enenche, said troops of the Operation Lafiya Dole killed five suspected insurgents and arrested nine bandits in Yobe and Borno states in the past week.

He said the men also recovered caches of arms and ammunition while destroying some compounds housing Boko Haram fighters in Kaza, Borno State, where scores of insurgents were reportedly eliminated.

He stated, “As the Air Task Force of Operation Lafiya Dole intensifies airstrikes against terrorists’ targets in Borno State, some compounds housing BHT/ISWAP fighters were destroyed leading to the elimination of scores at Kaza along Gulumba Gana-Kumshe axis in Borno State on September 1, 2020.”

Enenche advised the bandits and insurgents to surrender, noting that the military would continue its relentless attacks until all hoodlums were wiped out.

“The bandits are thinning out; we are dealing with them now in trickles. We are sending out a message that those of them still remaining should come out and surrender before we smoke them out because we will not stop until they are all neutralised,” he added.

Enenche further explained that troops of Operation Safe Haven apprehended five suspected drug dealers at Angwan Duruwa area in the Barkin Ladi Local Government Area of Plateau State during the patrol of the community.

“The suspects were duly profiled and have been handed over to the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency for further action,” he stated.

On the resettlement of displaced persons in the North-East, the military spokesman said that the Borno State Government had remained resolute in its efforts to resettle the Internally Displaced Persons in their communities, adding that the Armed Forces would continue to support the state government in this regard.