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## Six soldiers injured as troops kill 23 insurgents

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**T**HE troops of Operation Fire Ball have reportedly killed 23 Boko Haram militants while an improvised explosive device expert was captured alive during an encounter.

The operatives also intercepted insurgents attempting to collect a ransom and rescued two women and three children abducted by the criminals and many other victims.

The terrorists were said to have been killed by the troops.

A statement on Tuesday by the acting Director, Defence Media Operations, Brig. Gen. Bernard Onyeuko, disclosed that six soldiers were injured during a firefight with the terrorists while a huge cache of arms and ammunition was recovered.

The statement was titled, 'Operation Lafiya Dole: Update on the activities of troops of Operation Fire Ball from November 1-24, 2020.'

It read, "The following weapons were captured: four gun trucks; one fabricated vehicle; Blinde Leger, two Anti-aircraft guns, one General Purpose Machine Gun, two PKT guns;

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The group also called for increased intelligence gathering by security agencies by working with neighbourhood security apparatus.

They urged job creation for the youth, including reintroduction of value-driven programmes, such as Boys Scout, Girls Guild, "in our schools to meaningfully engage young people."

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eight AK-47 rifles; two AK-47 rifle magazines; one AK-47 rifle cover and one Dane gun."

Other recovered items are 18 rounds of 7.62 x 51mm, four rounds of Brownie Machine Gun ammunition, one rocket-propelled grenade tube, one 36 hand grenades; 23 belted rounds of 7.62 x 54; one QJC extra barrel; 311 rounds of 7.62mm NATO ammunition (Linked); 511 rounds of PKT ammunition and eight rounds of light machine gun ammunition, among others.

"Unfortunately, six gallant soldiers were wounded in action over the period. However, the wounded soldiers have since been evacuated to a military medical facility and are currently responding positively to treatment," the statement noted.

Meanwhile, the Nigeria Air Force jets have destroyed an

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Islamic State of West Africa Province logistics base and also neutralised several of their fighters in airstrikes conducted at Tumbun Rego on the fringes of Lake Chad in Borno State.

The mission executed on November 22 by the Air Task Force of Operation Lafiya Dole was carried out by NAF fighter jets and helicopter gunships.

Disclosing this in a statement in Abuja on Tuesday, the Coordinator, Defence Media Operations, Maj. Gen. John Enenche, explained that intelligence reports had shown that the makeshift structures camouflaged under dense vegetation were being used by the terrorists as a hub for logistics items conveyed via the lake and its tributaries using trucks and motorcycles.

## PUNCH COMMERCIAL PRINT DISPOSAL OF ITEM

The above-named organization has the under-ment

- i. One Goss Community Press with 8 colour stands
- ii. Generators
- iii. Water tanks (Plastic & Steel)
- iv. Diesel tanks
- v. Fans
- vi. Furniture
- vii. Crane
- viii. Weighing scale
- ix. Pre-press machine (Heidelberg Prosetter)
- x. Pre-press machine (Agfa Advantage)
- xi. Punching machine
- xii. Bellotti Stabilizer