

# Troops killed 64 Yobe insurgents in one week – DHQ

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**T**HE Defence Headquarters has said that 64 insurgents were killed in Yobe State in one week during an encounter with troops.

The DHQ spokesman, Maj. Gen. John Enenche, disclosed that the criminal elements met their Waterloo at Gujba Local Government Area of the state and Gonan Kaji village along Damaturu-Buni Yadi road during fire fights with the troops.

Addressing defence correspondents in Abuja on Thursday on the nationwide security operations from January 7-13, 2020, Enenche said firearms, ammunition and 10 gun trucks were also recovered from the terrorists.

He stated, "During the encounter with the troops of Operation Tura Takai Bango at Gujba on January 9, 28 terrorists were neutralised and several others escaped with gunshot wounds, while one gun truck and several arms and ammunition were recovered.

2. Similarly on the same day, troops had an encounter with

some Boko Haram/ISWAP terrorists at Gonan Kaji village along the Damaturu-Buni Yadi Road in Yobe State, during which 30 terrorists were killed, while caches of arms and ammunition were recovered by troops."

3. Similarly, on January 10, the DHQ said the troops engaged with some marauders at Kafa village in Damboa LGA and six terrorists were neutralised while

a gun truck and several weapons were destroyed.

Enenche further said that the troops of Operation Lafiya Dole also dealt with some militants at their enclaves between Goniri and Gorgi in Gujba and Damaturu Local Government Areas of Yobe and Borno States, adding that several terrorists were killed while 10 gun trucks were recovered by the troops.

In the South-South, he said troops of Operation Delta Safe have continued with the aggressive fight against economic sabotage in the zone, noting that the Forward Operating Base, Ibaka, intercepted two suspects in a large wooden boat laden with 1,184 of 25kg bags of Yaraliva Nitrabor fertilizers suspected to have been smuggled from Cameroon.

## S-East govts' security outfit meant to counter our c

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**T**HE Indigenous People of Biafra has warned the South-East governors to perish the idea of setting up a security outfit in the geopolitical zone.

In a statement by the group's Media and Publicity Secretary, Emma Powerful, said the region would not have two security outfits; one from IPOB and the other from the governors at a time.

The group specifically warned Ebonyi State Governor, Dave Umahi, who is the Chairman of South-East Governors, to jettison

the idea.

The secessionist group accused the governors of trying to set up the outfit on the advice of "Fulani-controlled Federal Government of Nigeria."

The statement read in part, "We warn these clueless governors in our region not to heed the mischievous advice and attempt by Miyetti Allah and Sokoto caliphate intended to compromise the security of Biafrans.

"Any Miyetti Allah vigilante group under any nomenclature formed by Dave Umahi and his fellow governors as well as Ohanaeze will be resisted by the

people of the old Eastern region.

"We, therefore, advise every Biafran father and mother to caution their children against joining Umahi's vigilante group as such an outfit is already the enemy of the people. Their agenda is sinister and anti-Biafra.

"We declare without equivocation that any other group parading as South-East and South-South security outfit will not be allowed to operate on Biafra soil. Our people have already launched their own defence line - ESN - as our self-acclaimed leaders were nowhere to be found when it counted most.