

③ Soldiers kill terrorists in Benue, Kastina, Niger

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THE Defence Headquarters has said troops killed no fewer than five terrorists during separate operations in Katsina and Benue states.

③ While three were killed by troops of Operation Whirl Stroke in Benue, two were killed in Kastina.

The terrorists were said to have engaged the troops in gun duels

after sighting the military during separate operations in the two states.

The military high command, in a statement by the Director, Defence Media Operations, Major General Benard Onyeuko, also said a total of 24 motorcycles were recovered from the terrorists in the two states.

④ In a related development, many suspected terrorists were killed by the military on Monday in Sarkin Pawa, the headquarters of Munya Local Government Area of Niger

State.

The spokesperson for the Coalition of Shiroro Associations, Salis Sabo, stated this in a statement in Minna on Monday.

Sabo said the terrorists attacked the military camp in their hundreds in the early hours of Monday, but were repelled by the military.

"The terrorists came in their hundreds trying to dislodge the military base. The military

engaged them in a gun duel which lasted for about two hours until the military called for reinforcement and successfully neutralised them.

"It took the military less than 30 minutes to arrive at Sarkin Pawa from Minna in response to the distress call for reinforcement," the statement added.

Sabo also said there was no casualty on the side of the military.

Meanwhile, the Katsina State Police Command on Monday

Ali added.