

# Troops kill 37 terrorists, arrest collaborators

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**F**our terrorist collaborators have been arrested by troops of 'Operations Hadin Kai' and 'Whirl Stroke' in Borno and Benue states respectively.

They were arrested in separate operations conducted between October 9 and 11, 2023.

A statement on Friday by the Director, Defence Media Operations, Maj. Gen. Edward Buba, indicated that after investigations, three collaborators nabbed in Borno State facilitated ransoms for the terrorists.

He also said the suspect arrested in Benue collected levies from residents for terrorists terrorising the area.

The statement partly read, "Between 10 and 11 October 2023 troops intercepted two kidnapped escapees. Troops also arrested three terrorist collaborators in Nganzai LGA of Borno State. Preliminary investigation revealed that the three collaborators were terrorists' ransom facilitators.

"Troops reunited the two escapees with their families. On October 9, 2023, troops while on fighting patrol arrested one terrorist collaborator in Ukum LGA of Benue State. Preliminary investigation revealed that the suspect collects levies from the locals for the terrorists."

He added that the activities of troops across the country in the last

one week resulted in the arrest of 95 terrorists while 37 were killed.

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He also said troops recovered stolen crude oil products worth N3,399,029,850.00.

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