

Military arrests suspected mastermind of Taraba deadly attack

TROOPS of 6 Brigade, Nigerian Army/Sector 3 Operation Whirl Stroke have arrested the alleged mastermind of the deadly attack on Mararaban Azagwa village in the Bali Local Government Area of Taraba State.

The News Agency of Nigeria reports that scores were killed last week, including a 92-year-old man, at the Mararaban Azagawa village of Bali.

The acting Assistant Director of Information of the brigade in Jalingo, Lt. Olubondunde Oni, said in a statement on Thursday that the suspected mastermind of the attack had been apprehended.

Oni said that the troops of 20 Model Battalion Sub-Sector 3A OPWS, stationed at the Forward Operating Base in Bali Local Government Area, launched a special operation to arrest the suspects following the June 16 attack.

He said based on credible intelligence, the troops were able to arrest the ringleader, Hassan Ibrahim, also known as Godu, 39 years old.

Oni said during the arrest, a Dane gun, cartridges and a motorcycle belonging to one of the victims were recovered from him.

"Ibrahim has admitted his involvement in the heinous act and has provided valuable information to the troops.

"He is currently in custody, cooperating with authorities to help arrest his collaborators.

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