

Troops neutralise scores of insurgents in Borno countermove

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The insurgents' camp

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Troops of Operation Hadin Kai have thwarted terrorist attacks on Buratai and Mallam Fatori in Borno State, killing scores of insurgents.

Disclosing details of the operation in a statement on Thursday, the Acting Deputy Director, Army Public Relations, OPHK, Capt Reuben Kovangiya, said the troops demonstrated superior firepower against the criminals, obliterating and inflicting heavy casualties on the terrorists.

He noted that the attacks, which occurred on June 5, 2025, were repelled by the combined efforts of ground forces and the Air Component of OPHK.

“In yet another coordinated effort by the ground forces and Air Component of Operation HADIN KAI (OPHK), scores of terrorists have been neutralised, with assorted arms and ammunition recovered, in a foiled attack on troops in Buratai, Biu Local Government Area, and Mallam Fatori, Abadam local government areas of Borno State,” the statement said.

Explaining further, he said that in Buratai, terrorists attempted to infiltrate troops’ locations but were swiftly engaged with heavy gunfire and close air support.

He said, “The failed attack on Buratai occurred in the early hours of Thursday, 5 June 2025, when the terrorists attempted to deceitfully infiltrate troops’ location from all approaches.

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“The troops, however, swiftly engaged the terrorists with heavy gunfire, while the Air Component provided close air support to the gallant troops.”

According to him, several lifeless bodies of terrorists were discovered, and a large cache of arms and ammunition was recovered.

He noted that troops pursued the retreating terrorists in a demonstration of force and superiority, eliminating scores and recovering several AK-47 rifles, General Purpose Machine Guns, Rocket Propelled Grenades, and other terrorist equipment.

“The coordinated efforts of the ground forces and Air Component demonstrate the military’s commitment to denying terrorists freedom of action,” he said.

He added that the operation was ongoing, with troops exploiting the general area and providing air support.