

Mr Yahaya said the rescued persons had been referred to a military medical facility for medical attention and subsequently reunited with their families.

He said the troops also projected to another insurgents' deserted camp dominated by insurgent leader, Alhaji Laye.

He said the troops searched the abandoned makeshift tents and recovered four AK-47 Rifle magazines.

"The camp was destroyed and troops returned to Madawaki where an insurgent's storehouse was discovered with assorted soft drinks, cartons of bottled water, milk and energy drinks.



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"Other items discovered in the storehouse were a generator and foodstuff. The items and the camp were destroyed."

On operation in Kaduna State, Mr Yahaya said the troops had neutralised three insurgents at Maidaro in Birnin Gwari LGA on 23 December and recovered one AK-47 Rifle, one AK-47 Rifle magazine, one Dane gun and two motorcycles.

In Kidandan – Yadi general area of Birnin Gwari, the troops' offensive also led to the destruction of insurgents camp, where the troops neutralised five insurgents and recovered 12 motorcycles.

Similarly, the troops operating at the Kachia axis while responding to a kidnap incident on 21 December, successfully launched an ambush along Maro junction and made contact with the kidnappers.

He said the troops neutralised three insurgents in the firefight that ensued, while others escaped with gunshot wounds, adding that the troops rescued one kidnapped victim, and recovered N50,000, two mobile phones, one motorcycle and two cutlasses.

"The rescued victim was rushed to a nearby military hospital for treatment, his dispossessed items returned to him and reunited with his family.

"In the early hours of Dec. 24, acting on credible intelligence, troops of 1 Division ambushed insurgents at Kwanar Batero in Kaduna State and neutralised one terrorist.

"Items recovered include one AK-47 Rifle, one magazine, five rounds of 7.62 mm, three motorcycles and one baofeng radio," he said.