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•Terrorists kill 29 in Borno

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The military yesterday said it rescued 30 civilians including women, children and babies held hostage in Borno central town of Dikwa recently liberated by troops.

This is even as the terrorists returned to the Southern part on Monday and yesterday, killing 29 people and injuring scores at Dikwa, a serene settlement in Askia/Uba LGA.

A Deputy Director, Army Public Relations (APR) and spokesman, 7 Division of Nigerian Army, Maiduguri, Colonel Tukur Gusau, said in a statement that the 30 hostages were freed at two Boko Haram hideouts at Kwayabe and Wufe settlements in Dikwa Local Government Area.

"As a result of ongoing operations under the aegis of "Operation Lafiya Dole" to clear Dikwa and its environs from Boko Haram, troops of 7 Division on Monday rescued 30 persons in Kwayabe and Wufe wards in Dikwa Local Government," the statement said.

Gusau gave statistics of the rescued hostages as 21 children, a six-day-old infant, seven women including three nursing mothers and two elderly male adults.

Col. Gusau said the troops also discovered "a training shed inside the vandalised and looted palace" of the Shehu of Dikwa (traditional ruler of Dikwa) "where new Boko Haram recruits were being taught weapon handling and engagement of aircraft."

Sources said the insurgents re-launched attack on Dille, 162 kilometres from Maiduguri, the state capital in the afternoon.

A resident of Maiduguri who hails from Dille, told *Daily Sun* on condition of anonymity that the insurgents

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came at about 1pm on Monday shooting sporadically.

“Reports from our people indicated that Boko Haram rode to the town in some Toyota Hilux vehicles and few motorcycles, shooting sporadically but our vigilance men rose to the occasion. They pursued them and killed some of them. We also lost some people,” he disclosed.

A police source said the insurgents retreated and came to two neighbouring communities early yesterday, killing about 20 people more. The source put the total casualty figure at 29, saying the insurgents set fire on houses and shops.

Another source also disclosed that some insurgents attacked Huyim, a village near Dille yesterday morning though details of the incident was scanty at Press time.

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