

Troops raid B'Haram clinic, workshop...kill 37

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MILITARY troops have raided Boko Haram medical facility, bomb factory and mechanical workshop during an offensive against the insurgents' hideout in Borno central community.

The offensive which was conducted by troops of the 7 Division Garrison of the Nigerian Army, Maiduguri in conjunction with 112 Battalion and Army Headquarters Strike Group at Kotokuma, Dikwa Local Government early yesterday, recorded tremendous success, army spokesman, Col Sani Usman said.

"Troops cleared the terrorists camp which was equipped with medical facility, Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) factory, fuel dump, mechanical workshop, generators and several water points," Usman disclosed in a statement yesterday in Maiduguri.

He said apart from 37 Boko Haram members killed by the military forces during the raids, three vehicles "laden

with IEDs meant for suicide bombings somewhere" were destroyed by troops, while two soldiers were reportedly wounded.

"Items recovered during the operation, according to the spokesman, include 12 vehicles, 27 motorcycles, nine AK-47 rifles, two Fabrique Nationale rifles, fabricated rocket bomb and a Sniper rifle.

Others are four Dane Guns, solar panels and household items. Twenty (20) persons earlier held hostage by the terrorists, were also freed.

He assured the people that the military would continue to do their best to "clear all the remnants of Boko Haram terrorists wherever they may be to successfully bring to an end the menace of the terrorists."

Similarly, the Chief of Army Staff, Lt. Gen Tukur Buratai continued his visit to troops in the front-line yesterday, urging them to be dedicated to the counter-insurgency operation. He was at Gajigana and Nganaram in Mongumeri and Ngazai local governments north of Borno.

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