

noly matrimony between former Miss Pamela Chiadikobi Nweketonti and Mr. Precious Uwadikechere Nwadike at the Catholic Church, Immaculate Conception Parish, Emekuku, Owerri North L.G.A of Imo State recently.

Bauchi: Troops kill 7 kidnappers, destroy hideouts

TROOPS of 33 Brigade of the Nigerian Army have killed 7 kidnappers and destroyed their camps at Lame Burra forest, near Dutsena Ganye, Gunduru and Kati Layin villages, in Bauchi State.

The operation, which followed a tip-off last Friday that suspected kidnappers were camping in the forest, also led to the recovery of two AK-47 rifles and three Dane guns

during a heavy exchange of fire with the bandits.

A statement by the Acting Director of Army Public Relations, Col. Sani Usman, said the troops were still combing the area to further track down other fleeing members of the criminal gang.

Usman stated: "After the initial successes of its Operation Forest Kunama, which was aimed at clearing all

livestock rustlers and armed bandit camps in Bauchi and Gombe states, the Chief of Army Staff (COAS) directed them to maintain continued presence at the Lame-Burra forest. This is to prevent the criminal elements that fled from returning.

Subsequently, two Forward Operation Bases (FOBs) were established at Lame and Jimi to cover the Lame and Burra axis of the

forest respectively. Troops usually carry out periodic fighting patrols into the forest from the FOBs."

Usman also said that troops on Operation Lafiya Dole deployed at Forward Operation Base (FOB), Bura-tai, in collaboration with local vigilante arrested a suspected Boko Haram terrorist named Adamu Damuna, noting that the suspect was being interrogated.