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(FILES) This picture taken on April 30, 2013 shows Nigerian troops patrolling in the streets of the remote northeast town of Baga, Borno State. Nigeria's military said on May 16, 2013 that it was ready to launch air strikes against Boko Haram Islamists as several thousand troops moved to the remote northeast to retake territory seized by the insurgents. A force of "several thousand" soldiers along with fighter jets and helicopter gunships have been deployed for the offensive in Borno, Yobe and Adamawa state, he added. AFP PHOTO/PIUS UTOMI EKPE/PIUS UTOMI EKPE/AFP/Getty Images

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The combined troops of the Nigerian Military and Niger Republic have dealt another deadly blow to terrorists at Kure village along Tumbun Rago and Tumbun Fulani general areas in Borno, the Defence Headquarters said.

The Acting Director, Defence Media Operations, Brig-Gen. Bernard Onyeuko, disclosed this in a statement yesterday in Abuja.

Onyeuko said the recent encounter was in continuation of the ongoing clearance operations in the North East Theatre of Operation against the elements of Boko Haram and Islamic States of West Africa Province (ISWAP) terrorists.

He explained that the combined troops of 403 Special Forces Brigade Baga, Nigerian troops supported by Air Task Force of Operation Lafiya Dole had a fierce encounter with the terrorists in the area on Monday.

According to him, the terrorists suffered heavy casualties and unconfirmed number escaped with gun shot wounds.

“Some of the items recovered include, one gun truck, one anti-aircraft gun and one motorcycle.

“Other items recovered are one light machine gun, one AK47 rifle and magazine, 227 rounds of 12.7 mm ammunition and 10 rounds of 7.62 mm special ammunition.

“There was no casualty or equipment losses by the military forces in the encounter.

“Members of the public are once again requested to continue to cooperate and support the security forces with credible information that could aid and hasten the completion of the ongoing clearance operations,” he said.