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Troops of Sector II Operation DELTA SAFE have arrested three sea robbers and killed one suspect in a gun battle in Bayelsa State.

Maj-Gen. John Enenche, the Coordinator, Defence Media Operation, disclosed this during a news conference yesterday in Abuja.

He said the notorious sea robbery gang encountered by the troops on April 3, had been on the wanted list of the troops.

"After the fire fight, which was won, the troops were able to recover one of the bodies of the criminals.

"Three of the sea robbers, who escaped with gunshot wounds were arrested on April 6 in Bilabiri community in Ekeremor local government area of the state.

"The arrested sea robbers are undergoing treatment and would be handed over to the appropriate authorities for prosecution after preliminary investigation," he said.

He enjoined the public to continue to come forward with credible information that would assist the military in the fight against criminals.

The coordinator said Nigerian component of the Multi National Joint Task Force (MNJTF) with other members from the Lake Chad Basin Commission had been involved in clearance operation around the Lake Chad Basin.

According to him, this is the fall out of the recent aggressive and offensive action of the Armed Forces of Nigeria in the North East, specifically Operation Lafiya Dole Theatre.

He said the combined efforts of troops of the Land Component, Maritime Component and Air Component has resulted to the neutralization of scores of Boko Haram Terrorists/ISWAP elements.

Enenche said the operation led to the decapitation of the various hideouts of the terrorists in the area of operation.

"Troops of Special Response Area Pulka, 26 Task Force Brigade Garrison, 21 Special Armour Brigade, Civilian Joint Task Force and hunters jointly conducted a clearance operation around Zua general area in Borno.

"In the process of the robust clearance operation, several Boko Haram Terrorists/ ISWAP fighters were neutralized," he said.