

Troops rescue 72 hostages from terrorists

SOLDIERS on internal security operations in the North East have rescued 72 hostages held captive by Boko Haram terrorists in Borno State.

9 Boko Haram terrorists killed, 2 gun trucks captured

THE Nigerian Army said its soldiers fighting the counter-insurgency war have killed nine fighters of the Boko Haram group in an ambush along Mainok Jakana vilage in Kaga Local Government Area of Borno State.

The ambush set up by the army, according to the authorities, was conducted by troops of Sector 1, Operation Lafia Dole, on May 13, 2020.

Two guns trucks were captured during the operation.

The hostages, comprising 34 women and 38 children, were rescued by troops of 3 Battalion (Main) Army Super Camp II, Gamboru Ngala, while on long-range fighting patrol and clearance operations in the area.

Upon rescuing the hostages, the children were vaccinated with polio vaccine at a military medical facility before they were handed over to officials of the internally displaced persons (IDP) camp in the area.

The army said 18 terrorists were killed during the shootout while others escaped. Arms and ammunition, logistics supplies and other equipment were recovered by the troops who arrested some Boko Haram smugglers and collaborators.

Chief of Army Staff (COAS), Lieutenant-General Tukur Buratai, commended the troops for the onslaught, urging them to sustain the tempo to ensure the defeat of the terrorists in the shortest possible time.