

Terrorists' attempt on Maiduguri foiled by soldiers, police

THE army headquarters in Abuja said soldiers have foiled an attempt by Boko Haram insurgents to attack settlements on the outskirts of Maiduguri, Borno State, and killed nine of them.

Soldiers from Operation Hadin Kai, in conjunction with their counterparts from the Nigeria Police, Youth Vigilante and hunters, recovered one Buffalo gun truck, three motorcycles, three Browning machine guns, one rocket-

propelled gun, four AK-47 rifles, one improvised explosive device and 16 12V batteries, among other items, from the terrorists.

Director, Army Public Relations, Brigadier General Mohammed Yerima, said: "Troops of Operation Hadin Kai, on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, foiled attempts by Boko Haram terrorists to attack the outskirts of Maiduguri, Borno State.

"The terrorists who tried to advance from Aldawari

axis attempted to attack soft targets along Jiddari Polo, were countered by combined gallant troops in conjunction with the Nigeria Police, youth vigilantes and hunters, leading to terrorists' withdrawal in disarray.

"Following a hot pursuit by troops, heavy casualty was inflicted on the terrorists as nine of them were neutralised, while many escaped with gunshot wounds. One Buffalo gun truck, three motorcycles,

three Browning machine guns, a rocket-propelled gun and four AK-47 rifles were recovered from the terrorists. Other items recovered included one improvised explosive device and 16 12V batteries.

"The Chief of Army Staff, Lt-Gen. Ibrahim Attahiru, commended the gallantry of troops and urged them to keep up the tempo of the operation. Members of the public are requested to remain calm and are assured of security during the festive period and beyond."