

ISWAP attack on Damboa foiled, 50 terrorists killed

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Soldiers have foiled an attempt by the Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) to attack Damboa in Damboa Local Government Area of Borno State and killed 50 terrorists.

Director, Army Public Relations, Brigadier General Mohamed Yerima, said: “Nigerian Army troops operating as part of Operation Hadin Kai in conjunction with air component of the operation on Wednesday, June 2, 2021, inflicted heavy casualties on Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) who launched a futile attack on Damboa LGA of Borno State.

“The terrorists attacked the town in multiple waves with Armoured Personnel Carriers (APC) and 12 gun trucks all mounted with anti-aircraft guns, as well as locally fabricated armoured-plated vehicles loaded with explosives and motorcycles.

“The gallant troops successfully defeated the attack, destroyed the locally fabricated armoured-plated vehicles and neutralised over 50 ISWAP terrorists forcing the survivors to run in disarray under heavy gun fire from the resilient troops and Nigerian Air Force attack platforms.

“The so-called suicide bombers had to abandon their vehicles primed with explosives as they could not withstand the overwhelming fire power from the highly motivated troops. Several weapons and ammunition were recovered from the depleted terrorists.

“The Chief of Army Staff (COAS), Major General Faruk Yahaya, congratulated the troops including the air component for this great achievement. The COAS restated the commitment of the Nigerian Army under his leadership to ending terrorism and other violent crimes in the North East and the rest of the country. He enjoined the troops to sustain the on going offensive under Operation Tura Takaibango until this noble goal is attained.”



Troops thwart fresh attack on Imo police command, kill 5 suspects

The Nigerian Army said its troops have foiled another attack on the Imo State Police Command, Owerri, by suspected members of the Independent People of Biafra (IPOB) and Eastern Security Network (ESN).

The suspects met their Waterloo as the soldiers assisted by the Police Special Forces eliminated a top IPOB/ESN Operational Commander, Joseph Uka Nnachi, alias King of Dragons, who orchestrated attacks against security agencies and government establishments in the South East.

The deceased was said to be at the centre of several attacks since the death of Ikonso who was killed during an encounter with security forces on 24 April 24, at Awomama in Orlu East Local Government.

Equally neutralised were four of his cohorts while one was captured alive and has been assisting security forces with useful information. Items recovered from the group included four AK-47 rifles, a Toyota Hiace mini bus used as operational vehicle by the assailants as well as several assorted ammunition and charms.

Gunmen had on April 5 2021, attacked the command since then, the security forces had been on the trail of the assailants leading to the elimination of the key figures involved.

The Chief of Army Staff, Maj-Gen Faruk Yahaya, said: "The NA wishes to place on records its profound appreciation to the peace-loving citizens of Imo State and the entire citizenry for their support towards combating security challenges in the South East and the rest of the country. This as a patriotic gesture and the public should do more. The NA is resolved to end the reign of terror in the country."