

3 gunrunners killed, bombs, others recovered in Sokoto

THE Army Headquarters in Abuja, said its soldiers on internal security operations in Sokoto State have killed three gunrunners and recovered RPG bombs and RPG chargers, machine gun, AK-47 assault rifles, different calibres of assorted ammunition and other accessories from them.

The suspects, according to the Director, Army Public Relations, Brigadier General Mohammed Yerima, were killed in an ambush while transporting the weapons from Niger Republic to Nigeria on foot along Garin Naimaimai village:

“Nigerian Army troops operating around Sabo Birni border town of Sokoto State neutralised three gunrunners and recovered weapons on June 1, 2021. This was made possible following credible information of gunrunners moving weapons on foot from Niger Republic into Nigeria around 11pm.

“The highly vigilant troops mounted a successful ambush along the suspected route close to Garin Naimaimai village and neutralised the three gunrunners. Items recovered included RPG bombs and RPG chargers, machine gun, AK-47 assault rifle and other accessories as well as different calibre of assorted ammunition.

“The Chief of Army Staff, Maj-Gen Faruk Yahaya, commended the efforts of the troops and urged them to sustain operational in dominating all the illegal routes around the border areas with Niger Republic to frustrate any movement of weapons and ammunition into the country.”