

MNJTF kills 22 terrorists, recovers arms in Lake Chad

THE Troops of the Multinational Joint Task Force (MNJTF) have killed about 22 Boko Haram/Islamic State of the West African Province (ISWAP) terrorists during a fighting clearance operations in the fringes of Lake Chad.

The Chief of Military Public Information of the MNJTF, N'Djamena, Chad, Lt. Col. Kamarudeen Adegoke, who confirmed this in a statement, on Saturday, said that the terrorists were neutralised at Tumbun Rabo, in Abadam Local Government Area of Borno State, on April 27.

He said: "After the opera-

tional engagement, which was firmly supported by the Air Task Force of Operation Hadin Kai and the MNJTF, a battle-damage assessment clearly revealed, at least, 20 BHT were neutralised, 12 AK 47 rifles, 1X Mortar 60mm and large catches of ammunitions of different calibers were recovered.

"Likewise, carefully concealed 5x Gun Trucks and a truck laden with supplies meant for the criminals were destroyed.

"Also, an MRAP fighting vehicle was recovered by the troops; it was carted from a Nigerian Army position in the

past," he said.

Adegoke explained that the troops of combined Task Force Mallam Fatori/Damasak at Forward Operations Base Arege, drawn from MNJTF Sectors 3 and 4 (Nigerian and Nigeriene troops), have continued with aggressive patrols to dominate and put pressure on the criminals.

"With multiple sorties against the terrorists' positions, Air Task Force gave effective close air support and attacked the criminals to enable ground forces to access the, hitherto, well defended terrorists' strongholds in the

vicinity of Tumbun Rago.

"Despite strong resistance by the Boko Haram terrorists, the ground troops charged through several obstacles and cleared the mined routes, which made them to come in contact with elements of the insurgents.

Relatedly, troops of Sector 1 Task Force, Wulgo (MNJTF troops from Cameroun) continued aggressive dominance of their assigned areas with a clearance patrol to the general area of Chikingudu were seen to be deserted, but troops came in contact with two Boko Haram logisticians who attempted to flee, but were neutralised by the vigilant troops.

"Two motorcycles were recovered from them. Meanwhile, the Amphibious Task Force Darak, of the same Sector 1, have continued their maritime patrols to dominate their areas," the spokesman said. He added that the task force cleared the villages of Bourame and Magoume, however, nothing of security significance was found with the villagers carrying out their normal routines.

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3 former firm directors docked over N138m fraud

By **Lukman Olabiyi**

THREE ex-directors of a company, Integrated Intelligence Imaging West Africa Limited, Oluwole Tella, Leke Abajingin and Babatunji Olaosun, have been arraigned before the Federal High Court, Lagos, over alleged conspiracy, unlawful conversion and fraud of N138 million.

The three men were docked alongside a company, Flinkteshnik Concept Limited, before Justice Peter Lifu by the Police Special Fraud Unit (PSFU) Ikoyi, Lagos.

They were arraigned on alleged crimes on a charge

a trial date and also urged the court to remand them in the custody of the Nigeria Correctional Services (NCoS) till the determination of the charges against them.

Responding to the prosecutor's request, Mr. M. O. A Popoola and Mr. Emeka Opara (SAN), lawyers to the defendants, told the court that they had filed their clients' bail applications and the same had been served on the prosecutor.

Though the prosecutor admitted to being served with the processes, he said he needed time to file responses to them.

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million with two sureties in like sum each, who must depose to affidavit of means.

Justice Lifu also ordered that one of the sureties must relate by blood to the defendants, while the other surety must be a civil servant of Grade Level 12 and above, either in Lagos State or Federal Government establishment.

The judge, while adjourning till June 10, 2022 for the defendants' trial, ordered that both Leke Abajingin and Babatunde Olaosun be remanded in NCoS' custody till the perfection of the bail terms.

The judge, however, released the first defendant, Oluwole



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