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By Christopher Oji

IT has been a trying moment for the Nigeria Police Force in Lagos State since the ban on commercial motorcycle operators

Troops destroy 167 illegal refineries, arrest 18 alleged oil thieves

THE Defence Headquarters said troops of Operation Delta Safe and Operation Dakatar da Barawo discovered and destroyed 167 illegal refineries in the Niger Delta in the last three weeks.

Director, Defence Media Operations, Maj.-Gen. Bernard Onyeuko, who made the disclosure yesterday, said that the troops also destroyed 17 illegal refineries with five wooden boats, 89 storage tanks, 59 ovens, 12 dugout pits, six pumping machines, five trucks, two outboard engines and two weapons.

He said a total of 778,500 litres of crude oil, 840,300 litres of Automotive Gas Oil (AGO) and 625 litres of Dual Purpose Kerosene (DPK) were also recovered.

He added that 18 criminals were also arrested during the period, while all recovered items and apprehended criminals were handed over to the appropriate authorities for further investigation.

Onyeuko said troops, in conjunction with Nigerian Drug Law enforcement Agency (NDLEA), arrested some drug suspects during raid operations in their hideout in Effurum in Urwie Local Government Area of Delta State.

"Items recovered from them include 2.460kg of cannabis, 0.0703kg of cocaine, 0.054kg

of meth, 0.067kg of loud, 0.654kg of cannabis seeds, one tablet of molly, one pump action with 15 cartridges, a toyota Hilux and Mercedes Benz car," he said.

In Operation Dakatar da

Barawo, Onyeuko said that the troops destroyed 150 illegal refineries with 59 ovens, 67 metal storage tanks and four wooden Cotonou boats.

He said the operations also led to the recovery of one Yamaha engine, one generator,

three pumping machines, 20,000 litres of kerosene, 1.6 million litres of AGO and 2.05 million litres of crude oil.

He said all recovered items have been handed over to the appropriate authorities for further action.

...Kill 42 terrorists, capture 20, rescue 63 victims in North East

THE Defence Headquarters said troops of Operation Hadin Kai have neutralised 43 terrorists, arrested 20 and rescued 63 kidnapped victims across the North East within three weeks.

The Director, Defence Media Operations, Maj.-Gen. Bernard Onyeuko, made the disclosure yesterday while briefing newsmen on the operations of the armed forces between April 28 and May 19, in Abuja.

Onyeuko also said that 1,627 Boko Haram terrorists and their families, comprising 331 Men, 441 women and 855 children, surrendered to the troops at different locations between May 1 and May 14.

He said that 53,262 had so far surrendered as of May 16.

Onyeuko said that troops killed Malam Shehu, who was the Amir and spiritual head of the group and some of his foot soldiers during a clearance operation in their enclaves at Jaje,

Mango Ali, Dissa, Balangaje.

He said the troops had, on May 14, neutralised Abubakar Sarki, a terrorists' commander and his fighters in Sambisa forest at Yuwe, in Konduga Local Government Area of the state.

He said troops apprehended Malam Modu Pantami at the outskirts of Benishied village in Kaga Local Government Area, while attempting to transport a large quantity of logistics items to terrorists.

"Consequently, during these operations, troops rescued 63 civilians, neutralised 42 terrorists, and arrested 20 terrorists.

"Troops also recovered two LMGS, 21 AK47 rifles, 11 AK 56 rifles, 22 MGs, 419 rounds of 7.62mm and 54mm ammunition, one gun turret, 31 AK 47 magazines, three motorcycles, and six bicycles.

"Other items recovered are one pumping machine, two bandolier belts containing 377 rounds of 7.62mm and 54mm ammunition and one Isuzu ve-

hicle.

"All surrendered Boko Haram terrorists, recovered items, rescued civilians and captured terrorists have been handed over to appropriate authorities for further actions," he said.

Onyeuko said the troops eliminated 13 bandits in a clearance tagged Operation Whirl Stroke across Benue and Taraba during the period.

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Experts attribute rise

By Lukman Olabiya

EXPERTS have attributed the surge in social vices, including drug abuse, rape, cultism and ritual killings, to poor parenting.

The experts, who spoke at a boy-child sensitisation forum organised by A Mother's Love Initiative (AMLI), a non governmental organisation in