

Troops kill over 200 insurgents in Borno

TROOPS of Operation Had-in Kai (OPHK) have reportedly killed over 200 fighters of Boko Haram, including five of its commanders in Borno.

A counter-insurgency expert in the Lake Chad region, Zaga-zola Makama, who made the disclosure, said air task force troops of 199 Special Forces Battalion and 222 Battalion, in an operation, had targeted the terrorists' hideouts in Gabchari, Sheruri, Mantari and Mallum Masari, villages in Bama LGA of Borno.

He said an early damage assessment confirmed the successful operation which led to the elimination of five Boko Haram commanders including: Abou Hauwa, Amir Shettima, Akura Buri, Abou Zainab, Abou Idris and their fighters.

Another account said the air task force, in a joint attack with ground troops, deployed two Super Tucano jets, which resulted in the killing of 70 Boko Haram fighters with many who tried to flee drowning in a river.

"Similar strikes were also

undertaken at Sheruri when the combat aircraft attacked another location of fighters deployed to stage an ambush against their own ground troops," a source was quoted as saying.

"In another separate encounter with the terrorists during the robust fighting pa-

trol, the troops succeeded in eliminating another scores of insurgents in the axis of Mantari after a gun battle which lasted for about two and half hours. In Gazuwa, the troops destroyed two vehicles and the home of Abou Iklilima, which used to be a hideout of insurgent leaders. Other makeshift

tents and properties belonging to terrorists were also destroyed.

"Additional nine bodies were recovered around the bushes in Gaizuwa, among them were two Boko Haram Commanders, including Abou Zainab and Abou Idris.

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...Neutralise 3 bandits, recover weapons in Kaduna

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SOLDIERS on anti banditry operations in the Northwest part of the country have killed three bandits and recovered two AK 47 rifles.

The soldiers from 1 Division, Nigerian Army, in their determination to wipe out banditry and terrorism also recovered nine magazines, seven Baofeng communication radios, one Tecno mobile phone, 120 rounds of 7.62 mm special ammunition, one power generator and one motorcycle from the criminals.

Director, Army Public Relations, Brigadier Gen-

eral Onyema Nwachukwu, who made the disclosure in a statement, said the soldiers encountered the terrorists along Sabon Birni, Dogondawa-Kuyelo of Kaduna State.

The statement reads: "In sustained operations to clear the North West of banditry and terrorism, troops of 1 Division, Nigerian Army, have, again, neutralised bandits and terrorists, along Sabon Birni, Dogondawa-Kuyelo and Farin Ruwa, on Saturday, September 3, 2022.

"The dogged and highly motivated troops, while on a fighting patrol, came in contact with an unconfirmed

number of bandits. The troops, in the ensuing shoot out, eliminated three of the terrorists and recovered two AK 47 rifles, nine magazines, seven Baofeng communication radios, one Tecno mobile phone, 120 rounds of 7.62 mm special ammunition, one power generator and a motorcycle."

Meanwhile, the Chief of Army Staff (COAS), Lieutenant General Faruk Yahaya, has commended the troops for their gallantry and urged them not to relent until banditry is eradicated in the region.

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