

# Troops nab Boko Haram informant in Abuja

• Arrest 258 terrorists, kidnappers, 566 surrender

From **Molly Kilete**, Abuja

**THE** Defence Headquarters, yesterday said its tactical surveillance troops arrested a wanted Boko Haram terrorists' (BHT) informant, Mamuda Usman (aka Bado), in the Asokoro area of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

The Director, Defence Media Operations, Maj.-Gen. Musa Danmadami, who made the disclosure at a bi-weekly news conference on the military operations across the country yesterday, in Abuja, said it was revealed that the suspect ran errands for a suspected high profiled BHT commander in Kaduna.

He said the commander had been on the tracking list of security agencies, adding that the arrested suspect was in custody for further action. He further disclosed that military operations conducted in the last two weeks resulted in the killing of 258 terrorists, bandits, kidnappers and other criminals disturbing the peace of the nation.

He added that the military operations led to the arrest of 77 terrorists, bandits, kidnappers, crude oil thieves and the rescue of 83 abductees, among them three Chibok girls and their children.

Danmadami said 556 suspected Boko Haram/Islamic State of West Africa Province terrorists and their families surrendered to troops at different locations in the North East. He said the headquarters, Operation Safe Haven, in collaboration with Beautiful Gate Handicaps People Centre Jos, distributed 220 tricycles and bags of rice to people

living with disability within Plateau and Bauchi states.

He said the gesture was part of the operation's civil military activities aimed at promoting peace and bringing succour to the physically challenged.

The spokesman said the troops also trailed and rescued kidnapped victims from kidnappers, during clearance operations at Chungal village in Mangu Local Government

Area and Pinau village in Wase Local Government Area of Plateau State. He said troops of Operation Whirl Stroke apprehended two kidnappers, Alex Apera (26) and Umaru Halilu (34), and rescued victims at ChanChangi village in Takun Local Government Area and Rafin Kada village in Wukari Local Government Area of Taraba State.

In North West zone, Danmadami said the troops of Operation Hadarin Daji continued to intensify offensive action against terrorist activities with several rescue, clearance operations, ambushes, raids and patrols.

He said the operations led to the arrest and neutralising of scores of terrorists and other criminal elements in land and air operations in Kaduna, Katsina and Zamfara states. He said the troop had,

on September 3, neutralised three terrorists, while others fled with gun wounds during an encounter at Kurar Mota in Gusau Local Government Area of Zamfara.

He said one of the neutralised terrorists was identified as Dan Nijar Bala, a notorious terrorist who has been on the wanted list of troops and noted for series of kidnapping incidents and attacks in the general area.

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## 3 policemen killed by gunmen in Enugu

From **Geoffrey Anyanwu**, Enugu

**THE** Enugu State Police Command has confirmed the attack and killing of three policemen by gunmen in the New Haven area of the capital city, Enugu.

The deceased, who were on duty and moving in a police patrol van, along Chime Avenue, New Haven, were attacked by the gunmen said to be operating in a Lexus SUV who opened fire on them in front of Frank Supermarket, Block Bus Stop.

A witness said two of the police operatives fell to the bullets of the hoodlums on the spot, while one died later in the hospital.

However, confirming the incident to Daily Sun, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Daniel Ndukwe, said a manhunt for the assailants had commenced.

He said: "Intensive manhunt operation is ongoing to fish out the unknown assailants who, operating in a Lexus SUV, suddenly opened fire on a moving police patrol van on duty, along Chime Av-

enue, New Haven, Enugu, on 07/09/2022, at about 10.15pm, leading to three of the operatives sustaining severe gunshot wounds and later confirmed dead at the hospital."

Ndukwe was, however, silent on the report that one of the police operatives was missing.

One of the eyewitnesses, who said they assisted the DPO, New Haven Police Station, take the third policeman to hospital, said he was driving down Chime avenue when he saw the gunmen overtake the Hilux van of the policemen.

He said: "Immediately they overtook them, they stopped and opened fire on them. I

quickly reversed and entered the next street for safety.

"When we couldn't hear the gunshot anymore, we came out and saw one policeman struggling with his life on the floor. We thought that's the only victim until someone saw two more people inside the drainage. The two officers inside the drainage were dead."

## N3.8b suit: Amnesty office disowns list of empowerment

From **Femi Folaranmi**, Yenagoa

**THE** Presidential Amnesty Programme (PAP) has disowned 15 lists of over 1,200 beneficiaries purportedly empowered with starter packs and items in the ongoing suits at two Federal High Courts in Abuja.

The suits were filed over request for payment of N3.8 billion to 15 companies over alleged unexecuted contracts with links to the vandalised N60 billion Presidential Amnesty Programme Training Complex, in Boro-Town, Kaia, Bayelsa State.

The Amnesty office said the list, which was tendered in

evidence by the 15 companies, which contained names of alleged beneficiaries from states of the Niger Delta region, were fake and cannot be authenticated.

The PAP's office, in a letter replying the request from a law firm, Messrs. Folorunsho Aweda and Associates, under the Freedom of Information Act 2011, with reference number FAA/AMN/ABJ/MISC/29/8/22, and dated August 29, 2022, argued that after going through the lists of names of beneficiaries, as tendered by the 15 companies in connection with the distribution of empowerment items, "the acknowledge stamp shown on the lists of benefi-

ciaries forwarded by your law firm for authentication differs from the standard stamp used by PAP to receive documents from vendors."

The letter disowning the lists submitted by the 15 companies, signed by the Principal Officer on behalf of the Interim Administration, CO MPI Captain (Nigerian Navy), and dated 8th of September, 2022, also declared that "additionally, it was further observed that the character "OSAPND" that appeared on the stamped lists of beneficiaries forwarded by your law firm does not match the character on PAP stamp used by the registry Unit during the same period (2019).

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