Troops kill terrorists, NDA attackers

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Nigerian Army troops have killed the second-in-command of the terrorists, Musti, who attacked, killed and abducted officers from Nigerian Defence Academy in August 2021.

However, the mastermind, Boderi Isiya narrowly escaped being killed, but several other fighters were gunned down by the troops.

According to the Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, "security agencies informed the Kaduna State government of this development in an operational feedback.

"Boderi's deadly second-in-command, one Musti, was among those identified to have been eliminated, alongside one Yellow Mai-Madrid and one Dan-Katsinawa, with others yet to be identified. Some of the terrorists are battling with life-threatening wounds.

"Musti and Boderi were responsible for the security breach at the Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna, and kidnappings of students of the Federal College of Forestry Mechanisation, the Emir of Bungudu and several other citizens last year.

"The Governor of Kaduna State, Malam Nasir El-Rufai, praised the troops for this commendable feat under the leadership of the General Officer Commanding, One Division, Major General T.A. Lagbaja, being the latest of notable breakthroughs recorded since he took command.

"The Kaduna State government will keep the public updated on further developments.

"A painstaking check with credible human intelligence sources further confirmed that Boderi and his terror group had a bad day at the hands of the combat-ready troops.

"The troops engaged the bandits around the Tollgate general area of Chikun LGA. The bandits scrambled in retreat, only to run into another ambush laid by the troops in Sabon Gida general area.

"The troops engaged the bandits ferociously, and ultimately subdued them.

"Corpses and weapons were recovered at the scene, while some of the terrorists eventually died from bullet wounds.

"Citizens with useful information regarding the bandits reported to be seeking medical attention in the general area and elsewhere, are encouraged to bring such information forward to the security agencies."