

# Soldiers kill 44 terrorists, apprehend 50 in N'East, N'West

From Molly Kilete, Abuja

**THE** Defence Media Operations (DMO), yesterday, said its soldiers fighting the counter insurgency war in the North East and North West killed 44 members of the Boko Haram/Islamic State of West Africa Province (ISWAP) terrorists and arrested over 50 in the last two weeks.

The soldiers of Operations Hadin Kai in the North East, Hadarin Daji and Whirl Punch in the North West zones of the country, conducted ambushes, clearance operations, fighting patrols and cordon and search operations at different locations in Bama, Kukawa, Kaga and Biu Local Government Areas in Borno State as well as Damaturu, Gujba and Geidam Local Government Areas in Yobe states and recovered several arms, ammunitions, dangerous weapons and other logistics from the terrorists.

Director DMO, Major General Musa Danmadami, who made the disclosure at a media briefing on military and security agencies operations con-

ducted between October 20-November 3 across the country, said that within the period under review, 145 terrorists and their families surrendered to troops at different locations within

the North East theatre of operation. He gave the breakdown of the surrendered terrorists to include 30 males, 33 females and 82 children.

Giving an update on

military operations in the ongoing counter terrorism war, Danmadami said troops arrested 27 suspected Boko Haram/ISWAP terrorists, neutralised 19 and recovered one RPG bomb,

one GPMG, 2 x 36 hand grenade, six AK47 rifles, 61 rounds of 7.62mm special, 36 refilled 7.62 mm special, three AK47 magazines and three magazine holders.

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## NDLEA convicts 3,111, confiscates N420bn drugs

From Ndubuisi Orji, Abuja

**THE** National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) said it arrested 19,341 drug traffickers, seized 5,452 kilograms of illicit drugs worth N420 billion, and recorded 3,111 convictions between January 2021 and September 2022.

The chairman/Chief Executive Officer, NDLEA, Brig General Buba Marwa (ret'd), stated this yesterday, when he appeared before the House of Representatives Committee

on Narcotics to defend the 2023 budget proposal of the agency.

Marwa added that the agency has also destroyed 714 hectares of cannabis, as well as counselled and rehabilitated over 12,326 people in its rehabilitation centres within the same period.

The NDLEA boss, while stressing the need for the agency to be adequately funded, said about 15 million Nigerians were abusing drugs. Nevertheless, he noted that the agency is up to the task

of combating drug offences in the country. He said the agency has secured the approval of President Muhammadu Buhari to build barracks for its personnel, as a way of enhancing their security.

Marwa said N24 billion was appropriated for the barracks project in the 2022 budget, while N13 billion is proposed for the project in the 2023 Appropriation Bill. However, Marwa appealed to the lawmakers to appropriate another N10 billion for the barracks project in the 2023 budget.

He said: "The barracks issue is very critical to us because as we all know the NDLEA is very aggressive now against drug traffickers and the drug barons; and when you arrest and prosecute them and send them to jail, they are not happy.

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## Reps summon heads of security agencies over refusal to buy ammunition from DICON

**THE** House of Representatives Committee on Defence has summoned heads of security agencies in the country over their refusal to buy arms and ammunition from the Defence Industry Corporation of Nigeria (DICON).

Taofeek Ajilesoro (PDP-Osun) moved the motion when the Director-General, DICON, Maj-Gen Hassan T. 61

## Insecurity: Landmine kills 2 farmers in Kaduna

From Noah Ebijø, Kaduna

**INSECURITY** in Kaduna State has taken a fresh dimension as terrorists

have resorted to planting landmines along routes leading to farms and communities.

Latest report by security agencies said

zens in a landmine attack in Chikun LGA. According to the agencies, the incident occurred around 2pm, on Thursday, when