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Military: Boko Haram Poison Water Sources in Some Villages

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Boko Haram terrorists

*As troops ambush fleeing terrorists

By Senator Iroegbu in Abuja

The Nigerian military Operation Lafiya Dole has indicated a chilling possibility that Boko Haram terrorists might have poisoned water sources in some villages and communities in the North-east.

This was disclosed on Wednesday in a statement signed by the Deputy Director of Army Public Relations (DDAPR), 7 Division Maiduguri, Col. Tukur Gusau.

Gusau said the terrorists have now resorted to poisoning water sources like wells and streams in areas they were dislodged by gallant troops or areas threatened by offensive operations.

He confirmed “the latest being the poisoning of the cattle water ponds in Kangallam village along Marte and Abadam axis in Borno State where a large number of cattle died after drinking water from the ponds.”

“Credible information available to the military command indicates that though no human life was lost as a result of the barbaric act of the terrorists, however, some cattle were killed after drinking water from some poisoned sources.

“The action of the terrorists is no doubt aimed at taking their own pound of flesh on the innocent citizens and livestock as a result of the unbearable offensive operations through the combined effort of the Nigerian Army and the Nigerian Air Force to route them out completely from their enclaves and hide-outs all over the North east.”

In view of this development, DDAPR said citizens are called upon to avoid as much as possible drinking water from unverified sources especially in locations that troops routed out Boko Haram terrorists.

In a related development, the Nigerian military have last Tuesday, ambushed and killed two fleeing terrorists and as well as captured several of their weapons and in some parts of Borno State.

According to the Director of Army Public Relations (DAPR), Col. Sani Usman, the troops who laid the ambush at the Boko Haram crossing point into Sambisa Forest at Iza, engaged the terrorists who succumbed to the superior firepower of troops and fled.

At the end of the encounter, two of the terrorists were killed, Usman said, adding that some abandoned their supplies and fled, one general purpose machine gun and one AK47 rifle were captured.

He listed other items abandoned by the terrorists to include, three bicycles, provisions including maggi, potash, peanut and onions.

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