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Camerounian Troops Hand over Suspected Terrorists to Nigerian Military

● IED kills one officer, injures eight soldiers

Senator Iroegbu in Abuja

The Camerounian armed forces have handed over to the Nigerian military several suspected members of the Boko Haram terrorist group.

The Director of Army Public Relations (DAPR), Col. Sani Usman, in a statement yesterday, said that the "cooperation with our neighbours have brought renewed vigour and is yielding results in the fight against the Boko Haram terrorists."

Usman said apart from recording tremendous success, troops of 26 Task Force Brigade, had joined the Cameroonian forces a joint operations in Kirawa junction.

He said: "Although they have not met any of the terrorists in the axis of advance, they rescued eight men, 36 women and 68 children in the area.

"To further consolidate on the cordial relationship, the Commander of Cameroonian 1st Battalion, paid courtesy call on his counterpart, the Commanding Officer of 121 Task Force Battalion in Pulka. The visiting unit assisted with the demining of a section of the road between Kirawa Junction to Pulka and handed over two suspected Boko Haram terrorists to the Nigerian unit."

Sadly however, the DAPR said that one of the visiting unit's vehicle ran into an Improvised Explosive Device (IED), buried

along Pulka-Ngoshe road in which an officer and eight of their soldiers sustained injuries.

"Unfortunately, the officer died while being evacuated to Douala by air. We wish to commiserate with the Cameroonian forces for the incident and the demise of the officer. May his soul rest in peace and give his colleagues speedy recovery," he stated.

In a related development, Usman said the troops of 113 Battalion on patrol to Ngwala cleared Boko Haram terrorists' camps at Ngorta and Aritimie villages.

According to him, the troops came across the terrorists market at the area, and on sighting the troops the suspected Boko Haram terrorists ran and abandoned their supplies.

Following the incident, he said that the patrol a conducted cordon and search operations around Ngwala and recovered two pick up vehicles and 12 motorcycles belonging to the fleeing Boko Haram terrorists.

"The market has been closed indefinitely.

"It is pertinent to report that troops morale in the theatre of operation is very high and they are ever determined to clear remnants of Boko Haram terrorists wherever they may be in the North-eastern part of our country," he noted.