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Troops Rescue 38 Hostages, Kill 6 Insurgents

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...as eight bombers blew selves

The Nigerian Army yesterday said eight suspected suicide bombers blew themselves up, when soldiers resisted their attempt to force their way through a military checkpoint in Gubio Local Government Area of Borno State.

This was as troops of 8 Task Force on clearance operations in Borno State, rescued 38 women and children held hostage by suspected Boko Haram fighters. Six of the fighters were killed, with many escaped with gunshot wounds. Acting Director, Army Public Relations (DAPR), Col. Sani Usman disclosed this in separate statements.

Usman said: “Troops of Operation Lafiya Dole deployed at a checkpoint in Gubio, Gubio Local Government Area of Borno State at about 9.15am this morning (Tuesday) foiled a suicide attack on Gubio town by eight Boko Haram terrorists.

“The suicide bombers, who came in a Bedford Pick Up van primed with Improvised Explosive Devices including suicide vests, attempted to force their way through the checkpoint, but met stiff resistance from troops, who insisted that the vehicle be thoroughly checked.

“The suicide bombers refused and blew up themselves by detonating one of the suicide vests killing all the eight Boko Haram terrorists on board.” On the rescue of captives, the DAPR noted: “The troops of 8 Task Force Division have commenced an operation code-named Operation HardKnock to clear pockets of Boko Haram terrorists hiding in remote

areas of northern Borno State, along Nigeria-Niger borders. “As the operation progresses, troops have cleared pockets of insurgents from their hideouts in Momo and Tunshe villages around Marte general area Borno state.

“The troops have rescued 19 women and 19 children held hostages in Dumba village by the terrorists. During the rescue operation, the troops neutralized 6 Boko Haram insurgents while others fled with gunshot wounds leaving behind 22 motorcycles, flags and other items.”

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