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Senate and House of Representatives voted during the constitutional amendment, was worried that the bill on devolution of power did not sail through during voting at the Senate and House of Representatives.

## Troops kill scores of insurgents, capture 167 in Lake Chad Islands

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As troops of Operation Lafiya Dole intensified the ongoing offensive on Boko Haram enclaves on the islands around the Lake Chad region, several insurgents have been killed, while 167 others captured.

The spokesman of the Operation Lafiya Dole, Col. Nwachukwu Onyema, in a statement, said the offensive which commenced two weeks ago with coordinated air and artillery bombardments on Boko Haram enclaves and ground troops, is yielding positive results.

The statement reads in part: "Troops also extricated and profiled 67 women and 173 children, revealed to be family members of insurgents that fled, following troops' offensive. Arrangement is ongoing to hand them over to IDP camp authorities after preliminary investigations are concluded.

"In the past two months, troops of Operation Lafiya Dole have sustained ongoing precursor operations and have conducted long range fighting patrols and ambushes, seeking out and clearing BHT hideouts in Saada and Juwei in the fringes of northern Borno.

"During the operations, troops intercepted and arrested 53 fleeing insurgents, who have been profiled and are currently helping with investigations. Fifteen insurgents have also willingly abandoned the insurgent group, describing it as a futile struggle and have surrendered to troops of Operation Lafiya Dole within the period.

"Our heartfelt sympathy and condolences go to families and relatives of troops as well as civilians, who paid the supreme price in the encounters and callous suicide bomb and Improvised Explosive Device (IED) attacks by the terrorists.

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