

Troops kill 20 insurgents, capture 17, rescue 100 hostages

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The troops of the Nigerian Army, under the Operation Lafiya Dole have killed 20 Boko Haram insurgents, captured 17 others, while 100 elderly men and women, who were held hostage by the insurgents.

Deputy Director, Army Public Relations, 8 Task Force Division, Col. Timothy Antigha in a statement said “20 terrorists have been killed, 17 others captured, while over 100 elderly men, women and children have been rescued.

Preliminary investigation has revealed that a large number of the rescued persons were held against their will and forced to work in farms under life threatening conditions and penurious wages. More investigation and interviews will be conducted before the rescued persons are handed over for further action.

“In continuation of Operation Deep Punch 2, designed to smoke out Boko Haram terrorists inhabiting remote islands in Lake Chad Basin, lying within Nigerian territory, troops of 8 Division of Nigerian Army on Operation Lafiya Dole, supported by soldiers of the Armed Forces Strike Group have inflicted heavy casualty on Boko Haram terrorists.”

According to the statement, the operation which commenced about two weeks ago was followed by coordinated air and artillery bombardment of the islands and localities occupied by terrorists, and from where they sneak into Magumeri, Kauram and other locations to loot property and attack security personnel and villagers.

While stressing that islands and villages cleared so far include Arena Chiki, Chikun Gudu, Arena Waje, Sa’ada and Juwe, among others, the statement further added that the operation which was still on-going had yielded handsomely as terrorists abandoned their vehicles, arms and ammunition, as well as assorted equipment when troops swooped on them, as the troops recovered a Mercedes Benz truck from the insurgents.