

# 'Troops arrest suspected foreign terrorists' informant in Sokoto'

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**D**efence Headquarters has said that the troops of Operation Hadarin Daji, on May 21, arrested one, Jabe Buba, a foreigner and a suspected notorious terrorists' informant, at Garuwa village, in Tambuwal Local Government Area of Sokoto State.

The Director, Defence Media Operations, Maj.-Gen. Bernard Onyeuko, said this while briefing newsmen on military operations across Nigeria, between May 19 and June 2, yesterday in Abuja.

Onyeuko said that pictures and video of the foreigner, posing with rifles in the forest, were found in his cellphone and the sum of N130,000 was recovered

from him during the operation. He said the troops also recovered 292 cattle and one camel during an encounter with terrorists at Dampo village, in Bakura Local Government Area of Zamfara.

Onyeuko said the troops also rescued 152 kidnapped civilians, neutralised 18 bandits and apprehended 25, within the same period under review.

He said that troops recovered nine AK 47 rifles, 100 rounds of 7.62mm ammunition, 458 rustled cattle and 20 motorcycles.

In Operation Whirl Stroke, he said the troops eliminated a kidnapping gang leader and two others who were all dressed in military uniform along Zakibiam-Ugba road in Benue and



Nigerian troop

rescued one victim.

The Defence spokesman said that items recovered included: one AK 47 rifle, three fully loaded magazines (90 rounds of 7.62mm special), one Toyota Corolla vehicle and an ATM card bearing Felix Terzenqwe.

He said a notorious gun runner, Mr Morris Ayitu, was arrested alongside his wife and an accomplice, after a raid at his residence in Abirisi, in Guma Local Government Area of Nasarawa State.

In Operation Safe Haven (OPSH), Onyeuko said the theatre command had on May 21 graduated 122 local vigilantes trained to assist security agencies to ensure security of hinterland communities in Sanga Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

In Plateau, he said the Headquarters of OPSH held a peace meeting with Bernood Fulani Stakeholders to sustain peace in Kuru area, in Jos South Local Government Area.

## Customs arrests 14 smugglers over N818.12m rice, containers of wood

Bayo Akomolafe

The Nigeria Customs Service

generators and 3,260 pairs of used shoes.

"The cumulative Duty Paid Value (DPV) of the seized items is