

Troops neutralise several terrorists in N'West – Army

...intercept illicit drugs in Ogun

The Nigerian Army yesterday said its troops have in a series of coordinated operations, raided terrorists' enclaves in Katsina and Zamfara states, resulting in the elimination of a significant number of terrorists.

A post on the Nigerian Army's official 'X' handle (formally *Twitter*), said the operations were conducted on March 29 and 30.

① It said the troops had, in an operation conducted in Zamfara on March 29, successfully raided the den of a notorious terrorists' kingpin, Hassan Yantagwaye, in Tsafe Local Government Area of the state.

It added that Yantagwaye and his group had been responsible for kidnappings and acts of terrorism in some parts of the North West.

"During the operation, troops overpowered the terrorists in an ensuing gun battle, neutralising three of them and recovering a large cache of arms and ammunition and also destroyed the terrorists' camps.

② "In Katsina State, the gallant troops on March 30, engaged in a fierce gun battle with terrorists in Shawu Kuka, Shinda, Tafki, Gidan Surajo, and Citakushi in Kabai I and Kabai II within Fas-kari Local Government Area.

"The troops neutralised eight terrorists and recovered three locally fabricated guns, military

uniforms and a large quantity of stolen grains," it said.

The army said its troops had also on March 29, intercepted 441 wraps of substance suspected to be Cannabis Sativa at Molegede village in Odeda Local Government Area of Ogun State.

It said the vigilant troops uncovered the illicit substances being conveyed in a Mazda Saloon car, after the smugglers absconded, abandoning the vehicle on sighting the troops.

According to the post, the vehicle and illicit products will be handed over to the appropriate agency after preliminary investigations.

It also said the troops conducting night patrols on March 31, encountered armed Effium militias along Urban Effium in Ohaukwu Local Government Area of Eboyin.

It added that the troops overpowered the militias in combat engagement that followed and captured one of the militias.

According to the post, the troops also recovered one AK-47 rifle and 11 rounds of 7.62mm special ammunition.

"The suspect is currently undergoing preliminary investigation.

"The Nigerian Army remains committed to ensuring the safety and security of the populace and will leave no stone unturned in ridding the nation of terrorists and insurgents.