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JTF Uncovers Bomb Factory, Suicide Back Pack in Kano

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Defence Headquarters

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Operatives of the Joint Military Task Force (JTF) and the State Security Service (SSS) yesterday disclosed that they raided two Boko Haram hideouts on the outskirts of Kano and discovered series of weapons.

The Commander of 3 Brigade, Nigerian Army Bukavu, Kano, Brigadier General Ilyasu Abbah, and the Director of SSS, Mr. Bassey Ettang, said the raid was conducted at Gunduwawa village of Gezawa Local Government Area of the state, following a lead on intelligence report.

According to him, no arrest was made as the terrorists fled the hideout on approach of the troop and SSS personnel to the area.

The troops also shot dead one suspected terrorist who also hid in a shop near the factory, while cache of discoveries were made, which included tools and materials used for making Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs).

Abbah told journalists at Bukavu Barracks that the weapons recovered included one assault rifle, two AK 58 rifle magazines with 193 rounds of 5.5mm ammunition, one AK 47 rifle with 107 rounds of 7.62 mm (special) ammunition, bows and arrows.

“The materials used for making IEDs were found in the raided building. We also found three primed cylinders of IEDs; one primed explosive suicide back pack and 18 empty IED cylinders,” he said.

He added that other items included 18 empty IED cylinders, 24 detonators, small bags of fertilizer, IED timers, cortex wires and three remote control devices.

“These weapons, ammunition and other dangerous materials were meant to wreak havoc on Kano during the coming Eid-el-Kabir festivities and other festivities before the end of the year,” said Abbah.

He said the troops were aware that the terrorists were trying to establish some safe havens on the outskirts of Kano metropolis in order to resume their nefarious activities which had been curbed within the city.

Abbah added that: “In order to ensure Kano remains a safe for all, we are keeping a watchful eye on surrounding towns and settlements through which the terrorists might use as access into metropolitan city.”

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