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Again, Boko Haram Terrorists Killed in Joint Nigerian, Camerounian Operation

150 hostages rescued

Senator Iroegbu in Abuja

The Nigerian military in collaboration with their Camerounian counterparts, has routed Boko Haram terrorists in a joint operation in some of the border towns, killing 23 of them in the process.

The Director of Army Public Relations (DAPR), Col. Sani Usman, who disclosed this in a statement yesterday, also said that about 150 hostages were freed from the terrorists.

"In line with the Chief of Army Staff's directive for troops to maintain the momentum, today, troops of 7 Division have carried out major operations against the Boko Haram terrorists locations in Talala and Kumshe axis," Usman said.

He stated that "the joint operation which was carried out with Camerounian forces was quite successful as a number of the terrorists were killed, some of their weapons and equipment either destroyed or captured.

"The joint operation between elements of 7 Division and the Camerounian forces along Banki-Kumshe axis, led to the killing of 20 Boko Haram terrorists, destruction of 4 AK 47 rifles and capture of a gun truck mounted with an anti-aircraft gun (AA Gun) and 2 AK 47 rifles, as well as a 60mm mortar and a Dane gun."

Unfortunately, he noted, three soldiers sustained injuries and a vehicle damaged as a result of an Improvised Explosive Device (IED).

"Troops also encountered about 10 other IEDs along the route of

advance which were cleared. Most of the terrorists ran in disarray towards Fatake where troops on blocking position cleared them," he added.

He stated further: "Along the Talala axis despite an IED in which a soldier was wounded and a damaged vehicle, the operation is progressing very well. More so as the Nigerian Air Force (NAF) has been assisting with interdiction and surveillance.

"Troops at Kodo rescued 150 persons who were mainly children. In addition, a house with Boko Haram terrorists' flag at Fatake caught fire with several ammunitions explosions in which three Boko Haram terrorists were killed in the house."

The army spokesman emphasised that 5 Brigade and 7 Multinational Joint Task Force were doing very well in their respective area of operations.

This, he said, was made possible by the steady supply of needed logistics into the various formations and units fighting the Boko Haram terrorists.

Usman also revealed that the "Army launched new mine clearing equipment, weapons and their ammunitions.

"It is noteworthy, apart from being the first mine clearing machines in the inventory of the Nigerian Army, it is one of the best in the world," he remarked.

In a related development, Usman said, the Chief of Army Staff (COAS), Lt-Gen. Tukur Buratai, has once again personally commended the troops for their impressive performance thus far.



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Paul Obi in Abuja

The Togolese Government yesterday prevented the President of the Nigerian Labour Congress (NLC), Comrade Ayuba Wabba, from travelling to that country for official assignment.

Officials of Asky Airline who stopped the NLC president at the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport in Abuja, said they were on instructions to prevent his entry to the West African country.

In a protest letter to the Minister of Interior, Gen. Abdulrahman Dambazau (rtd), NLC General Secretary, Peter Ozo-Ezon, explained that such refusal amounted to abuse of the fundamental rights of the NLC president.

He said: "We would wish to bring to your attention a matter we consider to be of national significance for the purpose of