Army Kills Another Most Wanted Boko Haram Member

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The military has killed another wanted Boko Haram member on the list of the 100 terrorists' leaders wanted by the Nigerian army and other security agencies in the ongoing counter-terrorism and counter-insurgency operations in the North-east.

The Director of Army Public Relations (DAPR), Col. Sani Usman, confirmed the development in a statement yesterday, saying the troops shot the suspect during

exchange of gunfire in Baga axis of Borno State.

Usman said: "The troops of 7 Multinational Joint Task Force (MNJTF) Brigade Quick Response Group (QRG) stationed in Baga and 118 Task Force Battalion, sprang an ambush along Daban Masara axis used by Boko Haram terrorists to convey logistics.

"One of the wanted Boko Haram terrorists' leaders who is on the first Nigerian Army wanted list of 100 Boko Haram terrorists' leaders (serial number 95) was fatally wounded in the exchange of fire.

He said that the suspect later gave up while receiving medical attention at the base, while other members of his team escaped with gunshot wounds. The troops recovered seven Jerri cans of 30 litres containing 210 liters of Premium Motor Spirit (PMS), motorcycles and food stuff in addition to arms and ammunitions.

The Chief of Army Staff (COAS), Lt-Gen. Tukur Buratai, had two weeks ago in Damboa, Borno State, released another list of 100 suspected members of the terrorist sect, wanted for various act of terrorism in the country.

This was a follow up to the first set of 100 suspected members of the sect, wanted by the Nigerian state, which was published last year.

Buratai had appealed to the public to come out with information that would assist in the arrest of terrorists, adding that many terrorists in the first list of 100 wanted were identified and arrested.

He also said that the new list of 100 suspected terrorists is for the members of the public to identify and report their whereabouts so that they could be brought to justice.