

Shekau's Bodyguard Kills Boko Haram Bomb Maker, Another Loses Sight

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- **Gruesome video of female terrorists beheading victim discovered**

The Nigerian Army monday confirmed the death of Boko Haram's chief bomb maker and a high-ranking terrorist.

This is just as a video was released showing the gruesome scene of how female terrorists are tasked with slaughtering women captives in parts of Sambisa forest in the North-east.

Army spokesman, Col. Sani Usman, disclosed this in a statement, confirming that the killing of the sect's bomb maker happened in the early hours of Monday.

Usman said that the suspected chief bomb maker, apart from his high status in the command structure of Boko Haram, was one of their capable hands involved in making improvised explosive devices (IEDs), coming after their chief scientist, called Abu RPG who was killed long ago.

"The chief bomb maker was killed by one of the bodyguards of the Boko Haram terrorist leader, Abubakar Shekau, as he was about to abscond just like several others are doing because of the intensity of Operation Crackdown," Usman said.

He also disclosed that "one Julelebeeb who was appointed to take over is now completely blind because his two eyes were reportedly shattered by shrapnel in the process of preparing an IED to consolidate his appointment".

There is no doubt, Usman noted that "this development has dealt a devastating blow on the terrorists' capacity on IED preparation, suicide bombing and their ability to sustain their criminal acts."

He said the troops were continuing with the clearance and rescue operations successfully in order to completely clear Boko Haram terrorists wherever they might be hiding.

It was also disclosed how the army's operation in Sambisa forest has uncovered the murderous activities of Boko Haram women fighters with a video showing them slaughtering one of their female captives.

The horrifying video showed a woman who passionately pleaded for her life being beheaded by one of the hardened female terrorists.

Military sources, who spoke on the video, told THISDAY that the terrorists have trained and hardened female killers who are mostly assigned to exterminate their female captives or erring members.

The sources, who said they were aware of the existence of female terrorists in the Islamist sect, revealed that they often disguise themselves as captives and innocent victims, but are deadly.

According to one source, some of the combatants are not only fierce and heartless but sometimes wear military fatigues.

"I think there is the need to expose these female combatants at Sambisa, so that some people don't erroneously assume they are Nigerian military female combatants. It can best be described as the horrifying atrocities of female Boko Haram terrorists.

"It should even be noted that when these female terrorists are rescued by soldiers, they are treated as though they are innocent females or wives of Boko Haram. That woman who beheaded the female captive acted with deliberate intent to kill," the source said.

Also speaking, other intelligence sources noted that the discovery was quite revealing about the level of indoctrination and radicalisation of these Boko Haram women.

"I have seen many videos of male Boko Haram members beheading people but certainly not a woman, which is so gruesome.

"You can imagine that a lot of radicalisation has been done by the Boko Haram terrorists to their innocent captives, even women. We must therefore be extremely careful dealing with rescued people, even the females.

"It was purposely for that reason that the Nigerian Army conceived the deradicalisation programme for rescued captives.

"I have seen women carry guns, throwing petrol bombs; I have seen female suicide bombers, but who can say he is done knowing the full extent of these criminal atrocities?" another source asked.

The army spokesman, who confirmed the video, added that the military was taking the necessary precautions to ensure that the female terrorists are not erroneously passed out as captives.