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A suspected terrorist has been killed in Sokoto after a shoot out with soldiers and operatives of the State Security Services (SSS) on Thursday, the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports.

Brig.-Gen. Tasi'u Ibrahim, the Commander, 1 Brigade, Nigerian Army, said the suspect was killed in the operation which lasted for about six hours at Gidan-Dare, near Kalambaina area of the city.

He also said one suspect was captured alive, while 11 members of the suspects' family, "were rescued and secured".

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Ibrahim told a press conference in Sokoto after the operation that, six of those rescued were children while five were women, adding also that two of the women were pregnant.

"The pregnant women are now receiving ante-natal care at the Brigade's clinic," he said.

The commander disclosed that the joint operation was carried out following a tip-off, adding, "the house was being used as a terrorist hide-out".

"The operation was clinically and carefully carried out in line with the existing global rules of engagement," he assured.

Ibrahim listed some of the weapons recovered from the house to include: Six AK 47 and one pump action rifles, 13 IED Prima clocks and an Abuja vehicle plate number, EL 295 ABJ.

Other items were: 13 ammunition magazines, 7 Improvised Explosive Devices making materials, 32 (9 volts) batteries, one axe, four handsets, 56 SIM cards, three memory cards, 10 cartons of milk and N76, 685 cash, among others.

"This group of people do not wish Nigeria and the state well. In this Holy month of Ramadan one may wonder how these people are bent on breaching the peace.

"All well meaning and law abiding Nigerians will continue to be protected and secured. The Army will make every effort to ensure that the innocent do not suffer," he said.

Ibrahim commended the people of the state for their sustained cooperation to the security agencies, but cautioned them against renting their houses to unknown persons,

NAN reports that the house was immediately demolished and set ablaze after the operation.

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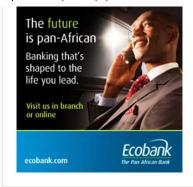
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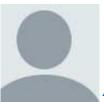
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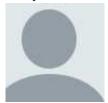
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The press conference was attended by the Commander, 55 Forward Operation Base, Nigeria Air Force, Sokoto, Air Commodore Hanbali Tukur, Commissioner of Police Shu'aibu Gambo and Director SSS Jubril Danmalam. (NAN)



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