

50 Boko Haram members killed as troops repel attack on Borno village

●As sect kills scores, sets houses ablaze

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MAIDUGURI — ABOUT 50 Boko Haram terrorists were killed between Friday night and Saturday when the Nigerian Air Force, NAF, in a combined effort with the ground troops of the Nigerian Army, successfully repelled an attack on Bitu village by the terrorists.

This came as suspected members of the sect, Saturday evening, invaded Malari village of Konduga Local Government Area of Borno State, killing scores of residents after setting ablaze houses.

A statement from NAF Headquarters, signed by Air Commodore Dele Alonge, said: "The Air Force, using its Alpha Jet, provided combat air support to the ground force to attack the insurgents where they were observed to be mobilizing (mopping up), to carry out a deadly attack on the village.

"Consequently, a large number of the insurgents were killed and several others injured."

Military sources, however, confided in *Vanguard* that scores of the terrorists estimated at about 50 members were killed in the air and land offensive, while several others ran into the bush for safety.

According to the sources, the NAF Alpha-Jets conducted an armed reconnaissance along Bitu-Gwoza road and through Yamtege, Hamdaga, Dure and Pulka.

"The NAF will continue to give all necessary support to the ground force through its intensified and persistent efforts in the ongoing fight against Boko Haram terrorists in the North-East until all portions of Nigerian soil are safe and free from the insurgents," Alonge said.

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Meanwhile, suspected members of the sect had on Saturday evening invaded Malari village of Konduga Local Government Area of Borno State, killing scores of residents and setting ablaze houses.

The insurgents, according to sources, also looted food items and loaded same into some vehicles they snatched from the village before they fled into Sambisa forest.

The incident, according to a reliable security source, came at a time troops had been combing some strategic points of Sambisa to confront terrorists in their hideouts.

Fleeing residents of Malari village told *Vanguard* that the insurgents were not many in number as they came into the community with three motorcycles

fully armed with AK-47 rifles and petrol bombs, but noted that because of fear from armless residents, the attackers wreaked havoc as they shot at anyone on sight, including fleeing residents.

Sources in Maiduguri, particularly those who reside along Tashan Bama road and University of Maiduguri, said yesterday morning that they saw military patrol vehicles conveying the dead and injured

to undisclosed hospital in Maiduguri.

Another source from Mairi ward of Maiduguri metropolis, who gave his name as Aliyu Musa, told *Vanguard* on phone that he sighted many members of the civilian JTF and troops heading towards Konduga at about 10am, yesterday.

"I was at the main road leading to Konduga when I saw many vehicles conveying troops and civilian JTF, and when I became

inquisitive, I learned that they were heading to Malari village to rescue the victims of Boko Haram attack which took place in the community on Saturday evening," Musa said.

Contacted at press time, Deputy Director, Army Public Relations, Colonel Tukur Gusau, in a telephone/text message, told *Vanguard*: "I will get back to you."

The Police Commissioner, Mr. Aderemi Opadokun, did not respond to a text message sent to his cell phone at press time.



VISIT: Governor Aminu Tambuwal of Sokoto State (right) and Commander, Nigerian Army, One Brigade Command, Sokoto, Brigadier-General Chikezie Ude, during a visit by the governor to the army formation, yesterday.

RCCG convention: Prepare for unprecedented breakthrough, Adeboye tells participants

By Sam Eyoboka & Olayinka Latona

LAGOS — THE General Overseer of the Redeemed Christian Church of God, RCCG, Pastor Enoch Adeboye, has enjoined all participants at the church's annual convention, which begins today with the ordination of deacons/deaconesses at the Redemption Camp on Lagos-Ibadan Expressway, to prepare themselves for unprecedented breakthrough and a new level of walk with God.

The church's 63rd convention billed to run for one week is expected to attract Nigeria's Vice President, Professor Yemi Osinbajo, and other anointed ministers of the gospel from local and international circuit.

In a welcome address to the thousands of people who defied yesterday's downpour in parts of the country on their voyage to the camp, Pastor Adeboye urged them to remember to obey all camp rules and be at the right place at the right time, while assuring them of an encounter with God again as "He decrees goodness, mercy, favour, and healing into your life."

The text of the welcome

message read in part: "The Lord has preserved us to see another convention of His church and to participate in the blessings that he alone can give. We, therefore, welcome you to the convention of *The All-Sufficient God*. This year's theme holds lots of promises for all of us who will participate in all the proceedings and our lives will be imparted in ways we have never imagined.

"The All Sufficient One has enough blessings to give all His children because there is no shortage in His storehouse. He appeared to Abraham as the El Shaddai, the One who is more than enough (Gen 17:1), and He is still the same till this moment. During this convention, He will release His all-sufficiency concerning all your long-awaited miracles and you will become a testimony in the name of Jesus.

"The All Sufficient One rules by decrees. He commanded light where there was darkness and darkness had no option but to take its leave (Gen 1:3). He commanded ravens to feed Elijah and they did not miss their way (1 Kings 17:4-6). He is the One who calls those things that be as though they were

(Romans 4:17) and He has not changed. You will encounter Him again as He decrees goodness, mercy, favour, and healing into your life.

"He spoke to the sea and the waves and there was peace. He will speak into your situations and you will have new experience of fulfillment. He spoke to the emptiness of a widow and she became an oil merchant, and her disgrace was turned to abundance. Get ready for a deluge of miracles.

"His promises cover every aspect of your life — spiritual, physical, emotional, financial and material. Zacchaeus was rich but he needed something money could not buy. He sought the attention of Jesus (Luke 19:2-8). Salvation entered his house, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the whole world visited him and his past was washed away. There will be salvation galore during this convention.

"It is the opportunity you have been waiting for in order to make peace with God. Hannah, the mother of Samuel, did not visit Shiloh in vain. She returned with her bundle of joy. You will be the next in the line."

Court stops SEC, BGL's public hearing on violations of market laws

By Peter Egwuatu

LAGOS — THE Securities and Exchange Commission, SEC, yesterday, disclosed that it has postponed the public hearing of its Administrative and Public Committee, APC, involving BGL Plc and others over violation of capital market laws.

The commission, in a statement, stated that it was empowered under Sections 13(n), 45, 303 of the Investments and Securities Act (ISA) 2007 and Rule 598 of its Rules and Regulation to protect the integrity of the capital market against all forms of abuses by investigating and sanctioning persons who violated the provisions of the act and the rules and regulations made pursuant thereto.

It stated: "Section 310(1) of the ISA and Rule 599(1) of the SEC Rules and Regulation empowers the commission to set up the SEC Administrative Proceedings Committee (APC) to hear complaints on alleged violations of securities laws governing the market. Pursuant to these powers, the APC was scheduled to hold on August 4 and 5, 2015 to hear SEC APC/01/2015 Rivers State Ministry of Finance & 31 others vs BGL Plc & 31 others.

"The commission's attention has, however, been drawn to an *ex parte* order obtained by the Plaintiffs/Applicants in SUIT NO: FHC/L/CS/1050/2015 BGL PLC & 12 ORS VS SEC & 2 ORS directing that parties maintain the status quo.

"In view of the said order, the general public, concerned parties and stakeholders in the Nigerian capital market are, hereby, informed that the Securities and Exchange Commission Administrative Proceedings Committee hearing in SEC APC/01/2015 RIVERS STATE MINISTRY OF FINANCE & 31 OTHERS VS BGL PLC & 31 OTHERS scheduled to hold on August 4 and 5, 2015 at SEC Head Office, Abuja, has been postponed to a date to be announced later."