



Troops clear more Boko Haram terrorists's enclaves

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Determined to ensure that all remaining camps belonging to Boko Haram terrorists group are cleared by end of December this year, troops of the 25 Task Force Brigade, following a tip off have flushed out camps located along the Sabon Gari and Damboa axis in Borno state.

The development occurred Sunday night just as one of some three teenage suicide bombers aged between 10 and 15 years blew himself up as the Civilian JTF was in the process of screening the suspects resulting in the death of 9 people while 24 others sustained various degrees of injuries.

Giving details of both incidents, Acting Director of Army Public Relations, Col Sani Usman said, “As part of the determined efforts to rid the society of all known Boko Haram terrorists’ enclaves and hideouts, troops of the 25 Task Force Brigade, based on tip off, conducted a fighting patrol along Damboa-Njaba-Bale road in Borno State.”

“The troops encountered and killed 3 suspected Boko Haram terrorists that had been terrorizing the communities around Sabon Gari and Damboa. “Among those killed was the Boko Haram terrorists Ameer (Leader) in Bulayaga. The Ameer was notorious in terrorizing Bale, Wass and Mufurundi villages.

“The troops recovered an AK-47 rifle with its magazine, 43 rounds of 7.62mm Special Ammunition, 1 Grinding Machine and 5 Dane Guns. Other items recovered include 7 Motorcycles, 21 bags of grains and 2 Boko Haram terrorists’ flags hoisted.

“In a related development today, troops of 7 Division Garrison on patrol at Mainari village in Mafa Local Government Area had an encounter with Boko Haram terrorists. “The encounter led to the killing of 9 terrorists and recovery of weapons which includes 4 AK-47 and 1Pump Action Gun. The patrol teams have continued to dominate the respective areas.

On the suicide bomb attack, Usman said, “Today (Sunday) evening at about 8.30pm, 3 suspected suicide bombers ranging from 10 to 15 years went into Benisheikh, Borno State. They were spotted by ever vigilant Borno State Youth Empowerment Scheme (Civilian JTF) who suspected something fishy about them. Indeed, one of them was laden with Improvised Explosive Device (IED).”

“While the Civilian JTF was in the process of screening the suspects, following the necessary drills and precautions, the carrier detonated the IED that led to the death of 9 people while 24 others sustained various degrees of injuries,” he said.

He added that, “The security and emergency management agents have mobilized to the scene. The bodies have been evacuated and all those injured are receiving medical attention. The security agencies have intensified patrols and security

checks in the area."

"While we condemn this dastardly act and commiserate with the families of those that lost their lives and the injured, it is pertinent to reiterate the need for more security consciousness and vigilance by all especially during the yuletide and New Year holidays," he concluded.

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