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Army arrests killer of General Shuwa

- Kills 3 insurgents, arrests 9, rescues 400 hostages
- Says terrorists now hide in fox holes

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ABUJA—OFFICIALS of Nigerian military intelligence have arrested a suspected killer of Major General Mohammed Shuwa (retd)

Mohammed Shuwa was murdered in his residence in Maiduguri, Borno State by suspected Boko Haram sect on November 2, 2012.

The retired military officer was the first General Officer Commanding of the Nigerian Army's 1st Division.

He also commanded the Nigerian Army's 1st Division

during the Nigerian Civil War.

The Army spokesperson, Colonel Sani Kukasheka Usman confirmed that the suspect would be paraded in Kano where he was arrested.

Meanwhile, in the push by the military to clear all villages and towns of remnants of Boko Haram terrorists in the North East, troops of 22 Brigade Garrison in Operation Lafiya Dole, on Sunday cleared four villages of Boko Haram terrorists hiding in the area.

In the ensuing confrontation, three of the terrorists were killed, nine captured from their hiding

places while 400 hostages were rescued from the terrorists.

A statement from Army headquarters said, "The terrorists hibernating in Cinga, Mallum Maja, Bosuma and Murye villages, were armed with dangerous weapons and have been terrorizing the communities. During the operations three Boko Haram terrorists were killed while nine of them who tried hiding in foxholes and dug outs were identified and captured alive.

Items recovered from them include nine Dane guns, three machetes, one bow with arrows, six motor cycles used by the Boko

Haram terrorists to ferry slaughtered cow meats to Boko Haram terrorists' hideouts were recovered and burnt.

"Other items recovered include one tricycle, 4 x Tiger Generators and one solar panel. The troops also recovered 300 herds of cattle rustled by the Boko Haram terrorists from Fulani herdsmen and handed over to their rightful owners.

Similarly, 400 persons held hostage by the terrorists were rescued and set free. It is gratifying to state that we have not sustained any casualty to own troops and equipment and troop's morale remain very high."

Fulani chiefs

