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By Kingsley Omonobi

It was a very sad day for troops fighting the war on insurgency in North East as five soldiers, three vigilante members and a civilian JTF were killed by Boko Haram insurgents, Sunday, while 19 other military men sustained gunshot injuries in an ambush by the terrorists.

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In another operation which took place at Pulka, troops of Operation Lafiya Dole on patrol from Bama to Pulka, intercepted suspected Boko Haram terrorists, drugs and other logistics suppliers from Firgi and Zawan axis in Bama Local Government Area of Borno State on Sunday afternoon.

Confirming the developments in separate statements, Acting Director, Army Public Relations, said: "Operation Lafiya Dole troops carrying out clearance operations on suspected Boko Haram terrorists hideouts in Talala and Ajigin, southern part of Borno State, were ambushed by suspected Boko Haram terrorists at Ugundiri village, Damboa Local Government Area, Borno State, while returning to base after clearance operations on Sunday.

"Unfortunately, 5 soldiers, 3 vigilantes and 1 Civilian JTF lost their lives during the ambush, while 19 soldiers and 1 Civilian JTF sustained various degrees of injuries.

"The bodies of the late soldiers and civilians have been evacuated to Maiduguri, while the injured are receiving medical care and are in stable condition.

"The troops destroyed the terrorists Gun truck and recovered two Anti-Aircraft guns, two spare Gun barrels, one General Purpose Machine Gun, one Rocket Propelled Grenade, one AK-47 Rifle and 320 rounds of 7.62mm ammunition.

"Troops have been mobilized into blocking positions to further neutralize fleeing Boko Haram terrorists.

Please recall that another set of troops had earlier cleared Zira, Abulam, Dusula, and Buk villages before returning to base in Bulabulin.

"In a related development, based on information received about gathering of some suspected Boko Haram terrorists around Bori village, which is 16 kilometres away from Mainok, outskirts of Maiduguri, troops swung into action and neutralized them."

“The troops recovered 3 Motorcycles, 1 hand Grenade, 1 round of 7.62mm ammunition, Solar panel, a pair of Niger Republic military camouflage uniform, 1 Gionee mobile telephone handset, 1 Wet Cell battery and half bag of groundnut.”

On the arrest of the Boko Haram drugs suppliers, Usman said: “Troops of Operation Lafiya Dole on patrol from Bama to Pulka, intercepted suspected Boko Haram terrorists drugs and other logistics suppliers from Firgi and Zawan axis, Bama Local Government Area of Borno State, at suspected Boko Haram terrorists crossing point, trying to cross into Sambisa forest today afternoon.

“The troops pursued them but were only able to apprehend Kadiri Umate, 35 years, while others fled into the bush. The patrol team recovered 35 packets of 500ml of Glucose Intravenous infusion (Drip), assorted analgenics and pain killer drugs, clothes, bathroom slippers, insecticides, salt, kolanuts and a bicycle.



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