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Troops capture Boko Haram commander, kill 4, rescue 212 hostages

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ABUJA—TROOPS in Borno State, Tuesday, captured a Boko Haram terrorists leader.

They also killed four in a raid carried out at the northern fringes of Sambisa Forest and Kala Balge Local Government Area of the state.

During the operation that spanned several hours, the troops rescued 212 hostages, among who were women and children.

The troops, said to be of 3 Battalion, 22 Brigade of Nigerian Army, Sector 1, Operation Lafiya Dole, according to the Nigerian Army spokesman, Brigadier General Sani Usman, in a statement yesterday, carried out the raid in furtherance of the ongoing clearance operations in the North-East to rid the area of terrorists.

The statement added that the operation was effected by the troops in conjunction with 22 Mobile Strike Team and some Civilian JTF.