

# 7 terrorists killed, 8 crippled by own IED in Borno

By Ndahi Marama

**M**AIDUGURI—THE Nigerian Army yesterday disclosed that seven terrorists died when their vehicle ran over an Improvised Explosive Device, IED, they planted for troops in Lamba'a Forest along Jakana-Mainok Road in Borno State.

It was also gathered that two soldiers and a local hunter were killed when some members of Boko Haram sect laid an ambush on military operation vehicles along Maiduguri-Beneshiekh-Damaturu Road.

Col Aminu Iliyasu, the Nigerian Army Operations Media Coordinator, in a statement yesterday, added that eight other terrorists were crippled by the IEDs.

He said: "The incident was a clear case that can be best described as a tactical boomerang, as a Toyota Sam Sahara model belonging to the terrorists stepped on an IED they planted against troops in the area."

Iliyasu also disclosed that a syndicate that specialises in smuggling smoked fish from the Lake Chad region for sale in some parts of Nigeria was busted by the troops.

He said the proceeds from the sales are believed to be channelled into the procurement of foodstuff, groceries, drugs, toiletries, vehicle spare parts and other items for the sustenance of the terrorists' activities.

His words: "In a related development, troops of Sector 3, Operation Lafiya Dole, while acting on intelligence, raided the residence of some suspected illegal fish smugglers near Water Board Internally Displaced Persons, IDPs, Camp in Monguno Local Government Area of Borno State.

"Four suspects were arrested

and 16 sacks of smoked fish concealed in a room were recovered.

"In a similar operation conducted by troops of Sector 2, Operation Lafiya Dole, on October 10 intercepted nine vehicles loaded with smoked fish consignments at Bukarti in Geidam Local Government Area of Yobe en-route Hadejia in Jigawa State.

Meanwhile, it was gathered

that at least two soldiers and a local hunter, named Mallam Monye, were killed when some members of Boko Haram sect laid ambush on military operation vehicles along Maiduguri-Beneshiekh-Damaturu Road.

Sources said the latest ambush took place Saturday evening, but the remains of the victims were conveyed to Maiduguri yesterday morning.

It was also gathered that the attackers suffered the same casualties, as many of the terrorists were eliminated during

the encounter.

A hunter told Vanguard that they lost one of their members during the ambush.

"Yesterday, Boko Haram ambushed our gallant Nigerian Army and Borno local hunters (vigilantes) along Maiduguri-Beneshiekh Federal Highway.

"We lost one of our active members named (Monye) due to lack of protection."

At press time, efforts to confirm from the Director Army Public Relations, Colonel Sagir Musa, proved abortive.

## Dropout stabs secondary school student to death over phone in Lagos

By Esther Onyegbula

**A** 16-year-old student of Government Secondary School (Alapere) Ijanikin, has been stabbed to death along Palace Road, Vespa Bus Stop, Ijanikin, Ojo area of Lagos.

The victim, Wasiu Abdullahi, a Senior Secondary School, SSS, 2 student's throat was slit with a knife by a former student from Government Secondary School Oto-Awori, identified as Adewale Jamiu.

It was gathered that on Thursday, Fowosere, a friend to the slain Abdullahi, beat up Adewale because of his phone, which the latter took.

However, trouble started on Friday after the close of school,

when Adewale attacked Fowosere on his way home at Vespa Bus Stop, Ijanikin. Abdullahi was stabbed on his throat, while attempting to stop the two from fighting.

According to an eyewitness, Vivian Tamari, "I was on my way to the market to buy food items when the incident happened. Sincerely I don't know why they were fighting.

"What drew my attention was the loud cry of one the students, who was shouting 'help me, help me' in Yoruba language. He was holding his neck with both hands while blood was gushing out.

"As he was shouting, some of the market women immediately ran to his aid. They pulled his uniform and tied it on his neck to

reduce the bleeding as they rushed him to a nearby private hospital, Ademola Hospital, located beside Cele Bus Stop."

However, Abdullahi bled to death before he could get medical attention at the hospital. Police officers from Ijanikin evacuated the corpse to Badagry Mortuary.

It was learned that the teenage suspect, Adewale Jamiu, who dropped out of school has been on the run since the incident.

Confirming the tragedy, spokesman of Lagos State Police Command, DSP Bala Elkana, said investigation was ongoing and that the case had been transferred to State Investigation and Intelligence Department, SCIID, Panti, Yaba, for further investigation.

## Missing Kano zoo lion found in goats' cage

**A**FTER hours of searching for a lion, which escaped from its cage at a zoo in Kano, the animal has been captured.

Head of the zoological garden, Sai'du Gwarzo, told BBC Hausa, yesterday morning, that the lion was found inside the zoo's premises, in a cage belonging to goats.

The lion had killed and eaten

all the goats in the cage, he said.

His words: "The rangers had succeeded in locking up the cage before the lion was shot with an injection which made him less harmful before it was captured and returned to its cage."

There was panic on Saturday night around Zoo Road in Kano metropolis, when the lion escaped from its cage.

It was gathered that the incident happened around 9p.m., when the rangers were trying to put it back to its cage after they returned it from a national agricultural show in Nasarawa State.

Many residents and motorists abandoned the busy Zoo Road late Saturday and yesterday morning for fear the missing lion.