

Troops kill 30 ISWAP/Boko Haram, rescue 60 hostages in Borno

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OVER 30 members of the ISWAP/Boko Haram group were killed Sunday evening by troops of the Nigerian Army, who also rescued 60 locals held hostage by the terrorists in Borno State.

It was gathered that troops of Sector 1 *Operation Lafiya Dole*, led by Commanding Officer of 3 Battalion, Lt-Col. Samson Olaseigbe, on a clearance patrol cleared Gulwa village with little or no resistance from the terrorists and proceeded to Musiri district where they had a heavy gun battle with another set of terrorists, which lasted for an hour.

By the time the crossfire died down, many of the terrorists lay dead and their battered and mangled bodies littered the whole area of operation. The advancing troops dominated the general area and mopped up sophisticated weapons including sex enhancement drugs among other things.

Meanwhile, the troops have rescued over 60 vulnerable locals, including elderly women and children from Boko Haram captivity following the successful clearance of terrorist elements holding them captive.

Sources said the troops were in remarkably high fighting spirit and have returned to base having secured the general area.



Items recovered.



The rescued captives.