

50 insurgents killed as troops launch counter-offensive in Borno after general's death

M AIDUGURI—TROOPS of the Nigerian Army's operation Hadin Kai have killed over 50 fighters of the Islamic State in West Africa Province, ISWAP, in Askira Uba LGA of Borno State.

ISWAP had, on Saturday, killed Dzarma Zirkusu, a brigadier-general and commander of the army's 28 task force brigade, who was on his way for reinforcement in the area.

Three soldiers attached to the commander were also killed in the ambush laid by the insurgents.

In a statement, yesterday, Onyema Nwachukwu, army spokesperson, said troops in the counter-offensive also destroyed combat equipment used by the insurgents.

"Troops of Joint Task Force, North East, Operation Hadin Kai (OPHK) have neutralised over 50 Islamic State West Africa Province, ISWAP, terrorists and destroyed several of their combat equipment in a fierce counter offensive in Askira Uba Local Government Area of Borno State.

"In the counter offensive, troops eliminated top commanders of ISWAP as well as foot soldiers. The gallant troops also unleashed massive destruction on the terrorists' Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected, MRAP, vehicle and several Gun Trucks."