

Troops repel ISWAP terrorist's ambush in Borno, kill 19 terrorists

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ABUJA—Troops of Theatre Command, Operation Hadin Kai have neutralised 19 Islamic State of the West African Province (ISWAP) terrorists following a hot exchange of gunfire when they foiled an ambush attack during a fighting patrol at Gamboru Ngala, Borno State.

Sources said the troops, backed by a column of Civilian Joint Task Force (CJTF), achieved the feat on October 11, after they thwarted an ambush by the terrorists against the troops during a fighting patrol.

The source said the terrorists, who came in very large number on motorcycles and Hilux trucks mounted with guns, began the attack with heavy gunfire against the troops at Gamboru, a border town approximately 128 kilometres to the capital of Maiduguri.

A counter insurgency expert and security analyst in Lake Chad, Zagazola Makama, who confirmed the operation, noted that "the highly

spirited troops were right on hand to counter the audacious ambush, which triggered a heavy gun battle that lasted about 40 minutes.

"The troops later overwhelmed the terrorists with superior firepower and inflicted a humiliating defeat on them, forcing them to abandon their mission and take to their heels.

"The troops chased the retreating terrorists and neutralised 19 of them in the process and successfully captured one of their gun trucks after killing all its occupants.

"Troops also recovered nine motorcycles as well as multiple weapons including one PKT, nine AK-47 rifles and many rounds of ammunition.

"No fatalities were recorded on the side of troops, only two were injured on our side."

Sources further said there was a wide celebration by the troops and the civilian Joint Task Force following the success in repelling the attack in the town of Gamboru Ngala.