

Troops kill ISWAP Commander, 40 others in Borno

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M AIDUGURI —Troops of 'Operation Hadin Kai' North-East in collaboration with Civilian Joint Task Force, CJTF, have stormed the hideout of Islamic State West Africa Province, ISWAP, terrorists in Dikwa Local Government Area of Borno State, killing 41 of the terrorists, including a Commander, Abu Zahra, while others fled for their lives.

This came less than 24 hours after troops of 222 Battalion, Operation Hadin Kai killed several members of ISWAP in the North East of Konduga LGA, Borno State, which triggered jubilation by residents.

An intelligence source and counter-insurgency expert in the Lake Chad region, Zagazola Makama, confirmed the development, yesterday.

Sources said the troops eliminated the terrorists in a silent intelligence-led midnight offensive, coordinated by Maj. Gen. Shaibu Waidi, the General Officer Commanding 7 Division and Commander Sector 1, in Mukdolo and Bone village,

between Dikwa and Ngala.

The raid followed attacks in the past days believed to be by the Islamist sect, which killed 36 fishermen in Mukdolo under Ngala Local Government bordering Dikwa village on March 10, 2023.

The terrorists headed by Abu Darda and Abu Muhammed, also stormed Mafa town in the early morning hours of March 19, a few hours after the elections, but the attack was thwarted by the troops, resulting in the killing of scores of the terrorists and recovery of two of their guntrucks.

The source said: "Consequently, upon the major offensive, military equipment including one guntruck, three Dushka, motorcycles and several other weapons were recovered from the terrorists base.

"The terrorists' Commander (Amir Jaysh) Abu Mohammed, in company of few fighters reportedly fled in disarray due to the superior fire power from the soldiers, thus abandoning their properties worth millions of naira in the terrorists' house, which were destroyed by the troops."