

Troops neutralise 48 terrorists, rescue 118 kidnapped victims

● *Repel 3 ISWAP attacks on Borno communities*

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ABUJA — Troops fighting to rid the country of terrorists, bandits and other criminal elements across the country in the last two weeks, rescued a total of 118 kidnapped persons from captivity in criminal dens, while 48 terrorists were killed in various confrontations and nine kidnappers arrested.

In another development, troops of Operation Hadin Kai have repelled three

attacks by the Islamic State of West African Province, ISWAP, in Borno State.

Also, troops of Operation Hadin Kai have killed about 18 Boko Haram fighters in their raid in another camp in the fringes of Sambisa Forest near Bama Local Government Area in Borno State.

Also, 11 terrorist's collaborators and logistics suppliers were arrested with N2.3 million cash recovered by troops from suspected Boko Haram terrorists/ISWAP logistics supplier in Biu Local Government Area of Borno State,

who concealed N2.16 million inside a bag of grinded corn and another N69,160, from the suspects along Monguno-Cross Kauwa road within Monguno Local Government Area of Borno State.

Director, Defence Media Operations, Major General Musa Danmadami, who made this known in Abuja, noted that a total of 974 terrorists comprising 77 adult males, 364 adult females and 533 children surrendered to troops at different locations within the joint areas of operation.

"Troop's in the North East neutralized 21 terrorists, captured nine suspected terrorists, arrested 11 suspected terrorists logistic suppliers/collaborators, apprehended two terrorists and rescued 54 terrorist escapees.

"Troops in the North Central Zone recovered two AK-47 rifles, two pistols, two pistol rounds, machetes, four ATM cards, five SIM cards, mobile phones and other sundry items. Troops also arrested nine suspected kidnappers and nine criminals for various crimes while 21 kidnapped civilians were also rescued."