

100 ISWAP, Boko Haram terrorists killed in power struggle

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ABUJA—No fewer than 100 members of Islamic State, West Africa Province, ISWAP, terror group and the Boko Haram, BH, terrorist group have been massacred in the last 7 days following power struggle between the two groups in the Lake Chad Basin areas.

Sources also revealed that 60 other members of the ISWAP terror group were said to been captured by the BH terror group as a result of the infighting.

This came as three BH terror group Commanders and 106 fighters alongside their families surrendered to troops of the Multi-national Joint Task Force in Monguno, due to intensive air and ground assault on their enclaves in the Sambisa forest and Lake Chad fringes.

A Counter Insurgency Expert and Security Analyst in the Lake Chad, Zagazola Makama confirmed the killings which claimed over 100 lives from both sides within the last 7 days, saying "the Boko Haram Buduma factions which had an upper hand against the ISWAP in the recent turn of events successfully

captured most of the enclaves of ISWAP forcing them to take refuge in more fortified hideouts in the axis of Kukawa and Madayi and Kwatan Mota.

"Their recent upper hand against the ISWAP was achieved due to the fact that some aggrieved ISWAP fighters had left the group to join forces with the Boko Haram Buduma Faction.

"Both groups are taking

advantage of their strengths and weaknesses to attack each other. In most cases they attacked everybody in sight including women and children in the absence of their targets.

"A total of 106 more Boko Haram terrorists and their family members surrendered to the troops of Sector 3 Multinational Joint Task Force (MNJTF) Operation Hadin Kai in

- Boko Haram captures 60 ISWAP fighters
- 3 commanders, 106 BH, families surrender to MNJTF

Monguno Local Government Area of Borno State, in the past few days. They surrendered due to the sustained onslaught on their hideouts by troops as well as the raging infighting with ISWAP.

"On August 13, 2023, Boko Haram faction intercepted about 60 ISWAP terrorists including three key Commanders, Abubakar Saddiq, Abou Maimuna and Malam Idris on their way to Damasak."

IBB@82: Tinubu, Bago, Mark, Ogbaha extol ex-military leader

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ABUJA—PRESIDENT Bola Tinubu and Governor Muhammed Umaru Bago of Niger State, have felicitated with former military President, General Ibrahim Badamasi Babangida (retd), as he turns 82 today, describing him as a patriot and nationalist whose achievements still remain relevant today.

Similarly, former Senate President, Senator David Mark

and Senator Tunde Ogbaha, congratulated General Babangida on his birthday celebration.

President Tinubu in a statement by his Special Adviser on Media and Publicity, Ajuri Ngelae congratulated the former military President, who had served in many capacities in the Nigerian army with distinction and reached the peak of his career as Chief of Army Staff with indelible legacies for his gallant defense of our nationhood during the Nigerian Civil War.

The President affirmed the contributions of Gen. Babangida to national development, which

include the creation of many states to strengthen the federal structure, physical infrastructure, the liberalization of the media industry, and other initiatives across the health and defense sectors.

He noted the influential position of the former Nigerian leader, who has, after 30 years outside of power, consistently remained a voice of wisdom and counsel for many political leaders, both within and outside of Nigeria.

On his part, Governor Bago in a statement by his Chief Press Secretary, CPS, Bologi Ibrahim said "The former Military President is a true Patriot and Nationalist who has made a