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Military declares terror sponsor, Haliru Buzu, wanted

• For alleged killing of 19 villagers, kidnappings in Zamfara. Katsina •4 soldiers killed, 9 injured in fire-fights

By Kingsley Omonobi

THE Military High Command has declared a Nigerien terrorist sponsor and financier, Halilu Buzu, who owns a gold mine in Zamfara State, wanted in connection with several kidnappings and killing in many villages in both Zamfara and Katsina states.

This came as four soldiers were killed ran abush, while nine were wounded.

Director of Defence Media Operations, Major General Edward Buba, who disclosed these in a statement. said: "Troops are in hunt of one Halilu Buzu, a terrorist leader, who hails from Buzu in Republic of Niger, He settled in Subbubu forest and lives in Shinkafi

I.GA of Zamfara State.

"His camp and illegal gold mine are located at Kawayi in Anka LGA of Zamfara State, where he has a lot of boys working for him.

Halilu is also a prominent cattle fustler and illegal gold miner. Last week, his boys killed 19 villagers at Farar Kasa. He is a high value target and, therefore, declared wanted.

"Meanwhile he is one of several others that we would be declaring wanted. Additionally, Halilu is a major arms supplier trusted by arms dealers from supplying arms from Libya.

"When, troops close in on him, he moves across the border into Republic of Niger for refuge. At this time, we are

through appropriate channels calling on the Nigerian authorities to apprehend and hold him accountable for his atrocities."

Buba disclosed that the military authorities got to know about Halilu when the locals provided intelligence about his active gold mine where he mines the solid minerals and sells to foreign buyers.

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Meanwhile, four soldiers have been killed in an abush, while nine were wounded.

Buba added: "On May 12, 2024, troops encountered two separate ambushes at Kuran Mota Village as well as along Road

Alikere-Yarmalimai Village in Zamfara State

"Though troops fought fiercely to extricate themselves from the situation. Sadly, troops recorded casualties of four soldiers killed in action, while three were wounded in action in the first ambush.

"In the second ambush incident, five soldiers sustained minor injuries of gunshot wounds and the soldiers have been stabilised as they were evacuated to FOB Faskari for medical care.

"During the ambush, troops received support from the air component OP Hadarin Daji as well as reinforcement from FOB Yarmalimai. The joint effort of both forces dealt severe blow to the coalition of terrorist that gathered in numerical strength to execute both ambushes.

"Accordingly, several of the terrorist were neutralised as they suffered heavy casualties. However, troops unlock the change in tactics of these terrorist and made necessary adjustments to maintain tactical superiority in the battlefield.

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By Laolu Elijah



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