

Military eliminates 106 terrorists, arrests 196 others

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IN furtherance of military operations to rid the nation of criminal elements, troops have neutralised 106 terrorists and arrested 196 others, including oil theft perpetrators in the last one week.

Troops also rescued 103 kidnapped hostages after raids on terrorists/bandits enclaves and hideouts.

Director of Defence Media Operations, Major Gen Edward Buba while making this known at a briefing, disclosed that troops in the Niger Delta area discovered and destroyed 36 illegal refining sites, 20 dugout pits, 24 boats and 34 storage tanks, 56 cooking ovens, 14 pumping machines, 18 drums and 22 vehicles among others.

Troops also denied the oil theft of the estimated sum of N793.53million.

Giving details of the operations, Buba said: "In the North East, troops of Operation Hadin Kai neutralized 41 terrorists, arrested 27 suspects and rescued 16 kidnappers hostages.

"Troops recovered 17 AK47 rifles, one PKT gun, five fabricated rifles, four dane guns, 11 magazines, 360 rounds of 7.62mm special ammo, 195 rounds of 7.62mm NATO, 247 empty cases of various calibres of ammo,

one baofeng radio, nine motorcycles and two mobile phones only amongst others.

"On July 23, 2024, troops with hybrid forces conducted night ambush operations and made contact with suspected BH/ISWAP terrorists in Gamboru - Ngala LGA of Borno State.

"Following a fire fight, troops neutralized 13 terrorists and recovered seven AK47 rifles, five fabricated rifles, one PKT gun, 143 rounds of 7.62mm special ammo, 94 rounds of 7.62mm NATO, four magazines, four motorcycles and one mobile phone amongst others.

"On July 22, 2024, troops in separate raid operations raided suspected terrorists hideouts in Girei and Song LGAs of Adamawa State. During the operations, troops arrested six suspected terrorists.

"On July 17, 2024, following a tip-off, troops conducted a snap check and arrested three suspected BH/ISWAP terrorists collaborators in Geidam LGA of Yobe State.

"During the operations, troops recovered 247 empty cases of various calibres of rounds, 24 different sizes of car battery and other IED making materials.

"On July 18, 2024, following reports, troops responded to information on activities of suspected BH/ISWAP terrorists and made contact in Nganzai LGA of Borno State."