

Army eliminates 8 terrorists, rescue 40 kidnapped victims

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....Intercepts arms, ammunition courier

THE Nigerian Army said, yesterday, that troops deployed for counter terrorist operations have successfully neutralised eight terrorists and rescued 40 abducted individuals in a series of coordinated operations across the states.

The Army said the operations have further tightened the noose around the necks of unrepentant terrorists and their collaborators in the continued bid to rid the nation of terrorism

It said: "In a significant development, troops also apprehended a notorious arms courier found with a large cache of

ammunition, striking a major blow against arms proliferation by criminal elements.

"On September 28, 2024, acting on genuine intelligence, Nigerian Army troops stationed in Nasarawa State conducted a strategic stop-and-search operation along the Lafia-Keffi Road.

"This resulted in the arrest of a firearms courier and the recovery of 303 live rounds of 7.62mm (special) ammunition concealed in a bag.

"The suspect and the vehicle were immediately taken into custody, and further investigations are ongoing to apprehend his accomplices.

"In another operation in Kaduna State, troops executed precision

strikes in the forests near Danmari and Saulawa villages in Birnin Gwari LGA, where one terrorist was eliminated.

"Additional engagements in Ankwa village of Kachia LGA also led to the annihilation of two more

terrorists and the recovery of a locally made firearm, 11 rounds of 7.62mm (special) ammunition, and a motorcycle used by the terrorists.

"In Borno State, troops in an encounter with fleeing terrorists at Faayijiwa Fandanari village in

Magumeri LGA have recovered two AK-47 rifles, 61 rounds of 7.62mm (NATO), 51 rounds of 7.62mm (special) ammunition, hard drugs and various supplies.

"The terrorists abandoned the firearms and ammunition after succumbing to the troops' superior firepower"

Ex-Taraba gov, Ishaku, docked, denies N27bn fraud charge

By Luminous Jannamike

ABUJA—FORMER Taraba State governor, Darius Ishaku, was, yesterday, arraigned before Justice S. Oniji

of the Federal Capital Territory High Court, Maitama, Abuja, over alleged misappropriation of N27 billion state funds.

Ishaku, alongside former permanent secretary, Bureau for Local Government and

Chieftaincy Affairs, Bello Yero, are facing a 15-count charge of criminal breach of trust, conspiracy and conversion of public funds.

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, which brought the charge, accused Ishaku and Yero of diverting N1.138 billion from the 2.5