

Troops eliminate 5 terrorists, rescue 11 victims — Army

Theatres of operations have neutralised five terrorists, rescued 11 kidnapped victims and arrested 21 criminal suspects in series of coordinated and intelligence-driven operations.

A credible source, who made this known to NAN, yesterday, said the troops also recovered cache of arms, ammunition, and other items.

. The source revealed that the feat was achieved in series of operations conducted between July 12 and July

According to him, troops of the 82 Division Task Force Battalion, in collaboration with Civilian Joint Task Force and hunters, neutralised a terrorist during an ambush at Ngoshe-Agapalwa in Gwoza Local Government Area of Borno State.

"Similarly, troops of I Brigade on patrol in Tsafe Local Government Area of Zamfara also neutralised one terrorist and recovered a motorcycle.

"In a separate operation, troops of ROOPS of the Nigerian Army in peration Safe Haven neutralised two extremists and recovered arms ammunition, and a motorcycle in Wase Local Government Area of Plateau in Wase Local Government Area of Plateau," the source said.

The source also revealed that troops of Operation Whirl Stroke rescued 10 kidnapped victims in Wukari Local Government Area of Taraba State.

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By Evelyn Usman

AGOS—A coalition of civil society __organisations under the umbrella of the Action Group on Free Civic Space, AGFCS, has raised the alarm over the alleged systematic erosion of civic freedoms in Ebonyi State, following the detention of one of its members, Emmanuel Acha, for three