



Inside Nigeria's **WAR AGAINST TERRORISTS**

About a week after he reprimanded the military for not justifying the investment in them, President Muhammadu Buhari charged the heads of military and other security agencies in the country to be alive to their briefs by going after the terrorists troubling the peace of the nation and eliminating them. The president read the Riot Act to the security agencies while speaking to newsmen shortly after joining other Muslim faithful to observe the Eid prayers at the Mambila Barracks Parade Ground, Abuja, in commemoration of this year's Eid-el-Fitr. Fielding questions from reporters after returning to the State House, Abuja, from the prayer ground, Buhari declared that, "Heads of the services: Army, Navy, Air Force, the Inspector-General of Police and so on, are very much aware of the situation. It's their

duties to know where the terrorists are and eliminate them." He said his administration would continue to work to make the country safe for Nigerians, adding that, it was important to make the country safe, especially, as the rains have started coming, noting that farmers must be assured of their safety as they returned to the farms, thereby securing the country's food production. "We'll continue to make the environment secure, especially, when the rainy season is coming, so that farmers can go back to their farms and we wouldn't have problem of food security," he said. Commenting on the forthcoming 2023 general elections in the country, the President reaffirmed the commitment of his administration to free, fair and transparent process. Asked on who he would like to hand over to as President, President Buhari said, "The person

that Nigerians elect.”

After Buhari directives the Military Service chiefs have begun the implementation of Presidential order to stop the attacks and killings by terrorists with immediate effect. Arising from public outcry on the Kuje Prison attack, the ambush of the President advance convoy in Kastina State and the gruesome ambush and killing of an officer and four soldiers on patrol from the elite Brigade of Guards in Bwari the Nigeria Military in response to President Buhari's Riot Act has stepped up and now taking the battle to the Terrorists enclaves and door step.

Hours after the leadership of the Nigerian military told President Muhammadu Buhari that it had adopted new to tackle the insecurity in the country, the army announced the redeployment of senior officers. The Chief of Army Staff, Faruk Yahaya, approved the posting and appointment of some top officers to command, instructional and staff positions across formations and units. The appointments were announced in a statement issued by the Director, Army Public Relations, Onyema Nwachukwu, in Abuja. Mr Nwachukwu said the new postings and appointments were done in an effort to reposition the army for operational efficiency. According to him, those affected in the redeployment include some Principal Staff Officers of the Army Headquarters, General Officers Commanding, Corps Commanders, Commandants of training institutions, Brigade Commanders, Commanding Officers, amongst others. He said the General Officer Commanding (GOC) 81 Division, Umaru Musa, a major general, had been redeployed to 82 as new GOC, while Taoreed Lagbaja, a major general, moves from 82 Division to 1 Division as new GOC. The army spokesman said that OC Ajunwa, a major general, had been moved from Nigeria Defence Section in Brasilia to HQ 81 Division as GOC, while the Commandant, Depot Nigerian Army, Aminu Chinade, a major general, had been moved to 2 Division as GOC.

He also said that OW Ali, a major general, had been redeployed from Headquarters Command, Army Records, to AHQ as Chief of Administration (Army), while S Muhammed, a major general, had been moved from Defence Headquarters to AHQ as Chief of Army Standards and Evaluation (Army). According to him, James Ataguba, a major general,

moves from AHQ Department of Army Standards and Evaluation to Defence Headquarters and appointed, Director, Peace Keeping Operations, while Adekunle Adesope, a major general, was moved from Army Finance Corps to DHQ and appointed as Chief of Defence, Accounts and Budget. “Maj.-Gen. Usman Mohammed moves from Army Headquarters, Department of Administration, to Nigerian Army Resource Centre and appointment Senior Research Fellow. “Other senior officers affected in the redeployment are Maj.-Gen. Preye Fakraogha, from DHQ Garrison to Defence Space Administration and appointed Director Policy, Plans and Research, while Maj.-Gen. MO Enendu moves from Nigerian Army College of Logistics to DHQ and appointed Director Psychological Warfare. “Maj.-Gen. Adikwu Attu moves from DHQ Department of Training and Operations to DHQ Garrison and appointed Commander, while Maj.-Gen. Bernard Onyeuko moves from the Directorate of Defence Media Operations to DHQ Department of Logistics and appointed Director Procurement,” he said.



Mr Nwachukwu said that AM Alabi, a major general, had been appointed Corps Commander, Nigerian Army Ordnance Corps; A Mohammed, a major general, is now the Corps Commander, Nigerian Army Electrical Mechanical Engineers and E Akerejola, a major general, had been appointed Commander, Corps of Supply and Transport. He said that AA Fayemiwo, a major general, had been redeployed from Nigerian Army Welfare Holdings Limited and appointed Chief of Accounts and Budget (Army). “Senior officers newly appointed as Commandants of Nigerian Army training institutions are Maj.-Gen. P.I. Eze, Commandant, Nigerian Army Ordnance School; Maj.-Gen. AA Adeyinka, as Commandant, Nigerian Army College of Logistics and Maj.-Gen. P.P. Malla appointed Commandant, Depot, Nigerian Army, while Brig.-Gen. UT Otaru has been appointed Acting Commandant, Nigerian Army School of Supply and Transport,” he said.

Other appointments, according to Mr Nwachukwu, are those of Brigade Commanders. He said the Chief of Army Staff had directed all the newly appointed senior officers to redouble their effort and commitment to duty in tackling the security challenges bedeviling the nation, as they assume their new appointments. “The members of the armed forces have also made a commitment that in the coming weeks, they have already started working on a new strategy to deal with these snippets of violence,” Mr Monguno said.

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attack. The Chief of Defence Staff, Gen. Irabor made the confirmation during the second CDS' parley with media executives and editors, which took place at the Defence Headquarters (DHQ), Abuja on Tuesday 9 August 2022. The parley was organized by the Directorate of Defence Information in collaboration with The Media Today (TMT) International. “The CDS said that, through the collaborative efforts of military and DSS personnel, 4 amongst the terrorists who carried out the attack on the Owo Catholic Church were arrested at Eika, Okehi LGA, Kogi State on 1 August 2022” “Those arrested included

Idris Abdulmalik Omeiza (a.k.a Bin Malik), Momoh Otohu Abubakar, Aliyu Yusuf Itopa and Auwal Ishaq Onimisi. The Defence Chief said, preliminary investigation revealed that Idris Abdulmalik Omeiza was the mastermind of the terror attack on the Owo Catholic Church as well as the attack on a Police Station in Adavi LGA, Kogi State on 23 June 2022, during which a policeman was killed and weapons carted away. The Defence Chief also mentioned the arrest of another terrorist, Idris Ojo (32 years), who was apprehended at Ayetoro Osi, Ondo State through the combined effort of military and DSS personnel on 7 August 2022. Idris Ojo, the CDS said, was one of the suspected ISWAP terrorists who escaped from the Kuje Medium Correctional Centre highlighted on 5 July 2022. The CDS also mentioned that Ojo was arrested alongside Jimoh Ibrahim (39 years), a sympathizer of the terrorist group, who accommodated him. The CDS further revealed that, the arrest of Idris Ojo was crucial as he, along with others, was already planning terrorists' attacks against some selected targets, in order to create fear amongst the citizenry aimed at discrediting the government. Gen Irabor also confirmed the death of a bandit leader, Alhaji Abdulkareem, who was killed alongside his fighters on 6 August 2022 during air operations in the North West region.

“Whilst mentioning the unfortunate terrorists' attacks on Kaduna-Abuja Train Service, Owo Catholic Church, Kuje Medium Correctional Centre and the presidential advance convoy, the CDS assured the media chiefs that the military, Nigeria Police, DSS and other security agencies were collaborating in many fronts, working day and night to keep the country safe. “He appreciated Nigerians of goodwill, in understanding what military operations were like and what the responsibilities of Nigeria Police, DSS and other security agencies were and what they were doing in ensuring that every one of us, within our geographical space, lived in peace and harmony.

“The CDS used the opportunity to solicit the cooperation of the larger society, saying that, “what the criminals (terrorists) amongst us want to do is to stoke fear and to promote it to such a level that every one of us will not even want to leave our houses. This is the strategy, which if we do not take time, will become part and parcel of our daily lives”. “Gen Irabor said the media gatekeepers had a responsibility “in educating the society to understand that, never again should we allow agents of destabilization to stoke fear amongst us, that together we will crush the elements that do not want us to leave in peace”.

As a follow up in a recent statement signed by the Chief of Defence Spokesman" Recall that the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), General Lucky Irabor, during his parley with media executives and editors yesterday, Tuesday 9 August 2022, informed of the arrest of 4 terrorists among those who carried out the attack on St Francis Catholic Church,



tweet posted to its verified Twitter page, @HQNigerianArmy, Wednesday morning, the Army says troops also recovered weapons, amongst others, in the operation. The tweet, which contains photographs of some neutralised terrorists and destroyed camp, states, “Ongoing offensive onslaught by troops of Operation Desert Sanity in conjunction with CJTF recorded another feat on 14 June 2022 as ISWAP terrorists were neutralised around Gurzum in Borno State. Terrorists market and camps were destroyed. Weapons amongst others were recovered.”

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It is also on record and on good authority that The Armed Forces of Nigeria and other Security agencies from the various operational theatres in the 6 geopolitical zones of the country in recent times has intensified efforts to decimate the activities of terrorists and bandits across the country. In the North East Zone Troops of Operation HADIN KAI have continued to dominate their general area of operation as they conducted operational activities in villages, mountains, town and cities. Troops ambush Boko Haram Terrorist/Islamic State of West Africa Province terrorist along Road Uzoro-Gadamayo in Adamawa State, during the encounter one terrorist was neutralized while others fled. Troops further exploited the area and recovered 1 AK49 rifle, 1 AK47 rifle, 4 AK49 magazine, 250 rounds of 5.56mm, 1 bandolier and a mobile phone. Also, between 27 July to 2 August 2022 troops conducted fighting patrols, ambushes, clearance and raid operations along Road Pulka-Shave axis, Gabachari, Doksa Village and Buni Yadi town in Borno and Yobe State respectively. Also Troops in conjunction with Civilian Joint Task Force also arrested Hussain



Dungus, Ali Bulama Jidda and Mallam Ali Abuna terrorist logistics suppliers on 6 August 2022 at and Buni Yadi general area. Items recovered from the suspects include the sum of One Million Seven Hundred and Ninety-Three Thousand Seven Hundred naira (1,793,700.00) only, large quantity of assorted food stuffs, 3 handsets, 2 bicycles and other sundries. Consequently, within the week under review a total of One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-Five (1,755) Boko Haram Terrorists members and their families comprising of 280 adult males, 523 adult females and 952 children surrendered to own troops at different location. All surrendered Boko Haram Terrorist members and their families were profiled and handed over to relevant authority. Similarly, the air component of Operation HADIN KAI conducted air interdiction on 3 August 2022 at Degbawa near Mandara Mountains in Gwoza Local Government Area of Borno State. The airstrike led to the neutralization of a key Islamic State of West Africa Province Commander Alhaji Modu (aka Bem Bem) and his fighters. Information gathered from the locals revealed that 20 terrorists were confirmed dead in the strike at the location where the terrorists converged for a meeting before the strike. Accordingly, within the weeks in focus troops neutralized 29 terrorists, arrested 55 and rescued 52 civilians. Also, troops recovered 128 rounds of 7.62mm ammunitions, 5 bicycles, 12 AK47 rifles, 4 motorcycles and 5 mobile phones. Accordingly, all surrendered and items recovered have been handed over to the appropriate authorities for further action.

In the North Central Zone between 26 and 29 July 2022, troops of Operation WHIRL STROKE conducted operational activities in Mararaba, Udege, Kukyo village, Tse-Ibor, Tse Igbakyor, Akwana and Ayibe village in Logo Local Government Area and Nasarawa Local Government Area of Nasarawa State and Modern Market

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near Mopol Barracks in Makurdi Local Government Area of Benue State. During the operations troops arrested some notorious criminals who was on the wanted list of the Theatre Command. Notably is the arrest of one Nathaniel Azege who has been terrorizing Makurdi town. In the same vein troops also arrested Moses Aindigh a (27yrs old) terrorist and Mr Iluyasu Mohammed (37yrs old). Items recovered during the operation include 1 AK47 rifle, 1 locally made pistol 9 rounds of 7.62mm NATO, 5 mobile phones, 1 axe, 2 machetes among others.

Relatedly, troops of Operation SAFE HAVEN between 3 and 4 August 2022 arrested 4 notorious kidnapers named Umar Zakari, Usman Hamina, Haruna Umaru and Umar Mohammed at Fuskar Mata village in Bassa Local Government Area of Kaduna State and Qua'anpan Local Government Area of Plateau State. The arrested kidnapers confessed to have involved in numbers of kidnapping incidents in Fuskar Mata village and Qua'anpan town, items recovered from the suspects include 1 AK47 and 10 rounds of 7.62mm special. Moreso, troops on 2 August 2022 while on patrol recovered 100 vandalized rail sleepers in an abandoned Peugeot boxer with registration number AGL466 XM at Bak village in Barkin Ladi Local Government Area, troops also rescued 2 kidnapped civilians named Mr Ebuka Nnadi (30yrs old), and Mr Uchenna Edoga (25yrs old) on 4 August 2022 at Kasuwa Ali Gindiri in Mangu Local Government Area in Plateau.

On 8 August 2022 based on credible intelligence on the massing up of terrorists loyal to a notorious terrorist Alhaji Shanono at Ukambo village possibly for a meeting. The air component of Operation WHIRL PUNCH carried out air strike during their meeting. In the airstrike a terrorist leader, Alhaji Shanono and scores of terrorists were eliminated. Report from



locals' source disclosed that 30 AK47 rifles and 20 motorcycles were destroyed while 18 terrorists were neutralized. Source also revealed that 45 kidnapped civilians were released as a result of the airstrike. **The impact of the strikes is said to have reverberated through the remaining terrorists' camps who are beginning to realize that they are fighting an unjust and cause because that will no doubt lead to their death. Most are said to be contemplating surrendering just like others before them. Meanwhile, sources have confirmed that the Nigerian military are exuding so much confidence especially with the level of successes being recorded. They are also optimistic that the counterterrorism strategies and efforts will in no distant time yield the expected outcome even beyond the northeast.**

In the North West Zone Troops of Operation HADARIN DAJI in the North West Zone of the Country has continued to sustain operational activities through the conduct of fighting and clearance patrols to clear bandits and terrorists' enclaves. On 25 July 2022, troops on routine patrol arrested 5 suspected foreign bandits named, Muritala Wada, Saminu Sani, Shaminu Adamu, Salisu Saadu and Usman Ibrahim at Jibia in Jibia Local Government Area of Katsina State. Furthermore, between 31 July and 2 August 2022, troops arrested one Mallam

Yahaya a notorious bandit informant who has been on the tracking list of the Department of State Security for collaborating with bandits on the numerous attacks in Sabon Brini general area of Sokoto State. Troops recovered 161 cattle, 8 camels, large consignment of clothing from terrorists after an encounter in Zango in Shinkafi Local Government Area.

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In the South –South Zone Troops of Operation DELTA SAFE has sustained offensive posture to deny criminal's the much needed space for their illegal operation in Bayelsa, Delta and Rivers State respectively. In the process several illegal oil refining sites were discovered and destroyed. These includes 37, 68 dugout pits, 188 storage tanks, 33 wooden boats, 16 pumping machines, 1 generator, 1 vehicle, 175 cooking ovens and 23 rounds of 7.62mm ammunition. Also, recovered was Three Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand (3,750,000) ltrs of crude oil and Two Million and Nineteen Thousand (2,019,000) ltrs of Automotive Gas Oil and the arrest of 10 suspected pipeline vandals. Additionally, troops arrested 2 high profile sea pirates known as Fagha Golden (aka) fine boy at Nonwa village in Tai Local Government Area and Victor Elkanah (aka) Victor Padi at Pharzy Spring Diagnostic and Wellness Hospital, One-Elleme Local Government Area of Rivers State. The suspects are notorious for the series of armed attacks on oil vessels, kidnapping of expatriates and illegal oil bunkering within the state. The large quantity of crude and Automotive Gas

peaceful country. Air Marshal Amao made these assertions when he met with frontline Air Officers Commanding (AOC) and Air Component Commanders (ACCs) at the NAF Base recently in Kaduna.

Speaking further, the CAS noted that though the security environment remains fluid and uncertain with terrorists moving between the northeast, northwest and north central, the need to continually modify NAF's air power strategies to stay ahead of the asymmetric and unconventional nature of terrorists' activities is of paramount importance. According to him, 'We have a responsibility to secure our nation and give our citizens a sense of hope, trust and belonging. Therefore, we must ensure that we stay ahead of the enemy and envisage his next line of action.' He then charged them to show no mercy against any terrorist and their accomplices while also denying them the freedom of movement and ease to cause mayhem against innocent Nigerians.

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The Chief of the Air Staff (CAS), Air Marshal Oladayo Amao has charged Nigerian Air Force (NAF) operational Commanders in the various theatres of operation across the country to 'show no mercy' and ensure they employ maximum firepower against terrorists posing security threats in the country. While commending them for their efforts as well as the improved synergy with sister Services and other security agencies, Air Marshal Amao also underscored the need for effective allocation and utilization of all NAF platforms deployed for operations in the Northwest and Northcentral for enhanced operational effectiveness. Doing so, according to the CAS, will deny the terrorists freedom of movement while boosting the confidence of the populace and ensuring a

Air Marshal Amao then assured them that training of more combat pilots, imagery analysts and other specialties in the NAF would continue to be of utmost priority so as to address the manpower challenges within the operation areas. He went on to state that efforts were at advanced stage to procure more combat platforms for the NAF to meet the ever-increasing demands of air assets in various theatres of operations across the nation. Other issues addressed during the interface included the need to ensure speedy procurement circle of aircraft spares to minimise aircraft down-time amongst other issues.

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successful operation the service had carried out the previous day at Chikun, in Chikun Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

We reliably gathered that: “Over the weekend, NAF aircraft struck a terrorists gathering at Kurebe in Shiroro Local Government Area of Niger State after intelligence revealed that the terrorists had assembled for an important meeting hosted by Aminu Duniya, a Boko Haram terrorist commander. “Aminu Duniya was said to have invited the terrorists to his enclave at Kurebe to the meeting which obviously attracted numerous terrorists who came in large numbers on their motorbikes. “Sources revealed that the air strike was successful and resulted in the death of many terrorists, though it remains unclear if Aminu Duniya was also neutralized in the strike.

“It should be noted that Kurebe is a known terrorists haven as the local inhabitants of Kurebe have since vacated the villages in and around the area after the terrorists drove them away in 2021. “The strike at Kurebe came barely hours after a coordinated joint air and ground operations, neutralized several terrorists operating around Damba – Galbi axis in Chikun Local Government Area of Kaduna State. “The activities of the terrorists continued to make life unbearable to locals in the area. “So, when intelligence had revealed that the terrorists planned on over-running a nearby village within the vicinity, the military saw that as an opportunity to surprise them. “While Nigerian Army troops laid siege around the location, NAF aircraft were directed to the suspected location of the terrorists which was then attacked. “Several terrorists were confirmed killed after the strike”, the source added.

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Shortly after the SOS message to President Buhari that bandits have taken over part of the state, the Kaduna State Government says troops of Operation Forest Sanity have killed scores of terrorists, recovered arms and seven motorcycles in Chikun Local Government Area of the state. The Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Mr Samuel Aruwan, made the disclosure in a statement on Saturday in Kaduna. Aruwan said: “Security forces recorded a major success in ongoing operations against terrorists, as scores of bandits were neutralised by ground troops and air assets during an operation in Galbi, Chikun local government area. “This was conveyed in an operational feedback to the Kaduna state government from the security agencies. According to the feedback, troops of the Operation Forest Sanity supported by assets of the Nigerian Air Force conducted clearance operations on an identified terrorist enclave in Galbi general area. According to him during their advance, the security forces crossed River Kaduna and ran into stiff resistance from the insurgents. “After a fierce firefight, scores of terrorists were confirmed neutralised as the military forces prevailed.



“Two General Purpose Machine Guns (GPMGs), three AK47 rifles and seven motorcycles were recovered from the enclave of the neutralised bandits,” he added. The commissioner said that the Kaduna state government expressed excitement at the feedback, and praised the troops for their tenacity in this significant victory against the enemy forces. “The government thanked the troops, air force crews, police personnel, intelligence operatives, and local vigilante members who contributed to the success of the mission. “The government urged the security forces to increase the momentum and vanquish the terrorists for good. He added that the troops would continue clearance operations in the general area, and other identified areas of interest across the state. “The Kaduna state government hereby encourages residents to volunteer useful information on activities or movement of terrorists to security agencies. “Citizens may also contact the Kaduna State Security Operations on 0903400060 or 08170189999, “Aruwan said.

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In the same vein the Inspector-General of Police, IGP Usman Alkali Baba, has ordered the deployment of water-tight security arrangements to cover all schools, hospitals,

health workers, and critical national infrastructures around the country. The IGP has equally ordered regular patrols, stop and search, raids, and show of force by tactical commanders to clamp down on pockets of crime and criminality recorded in some states of the federation. The IGP gave the directive while reviewing the general security situation of the nation via reports from commands and formations across the country. The IGP has however tasked strategic police managers at various levels to prioritize the use of intelligence gathering networks, particularly traditional/local intelligence to locate criminal hideouts and flush them out before they strike. He has equally charged all officers and men to be on the offensive, and take the fight against crime to the doorposts of suspected criminal elements, including bushes and uncompleted buildings, profile them, and charge those found wanting to courts accordingly. Against the backdrop of this development, Nigerians are hereby urged to cooperate with the Police as many police operatives will be seen at strategic areas, routes and communities, in order to suppress the antics and criminal activities of men of the underworld. The IGP has however warned officers and men of the Nigeria Police Force to be civil, professional and humane in the course of discharging their duties. The Inspector-General of Police has also reiterated his commitment to the protection of lives and property of well-meaning members of the public by decimating the activities of rogue criminal elements, particularly those who target schools, hospitals, and other critical national infrastructure, in a bid to strike fear into the hearts of good citizens in the country. He has similarly charged police officers to protect with courage and serve with compassion in line with his administration's policing theme. The Police and Military in Edo state recently rescued 32 kidnapped children from the hand of kidnappers after decimating and arresting some of them. This feat of rescue of kidnapped persons have continued across different states of the country.

From every indication it appeared that President Buhari 's Latest Riot Act to the Service Chiefs of the Nation Armed Forces and other security agencies unlike the previous ones is beginning to yield positive results as they are now proactive by taking the battle to the enclave of the terrorists thereby curtailing their activities especially in the North- East and North- Central. It is hoped that this new vigour and collaborations between the Armed Forces and the Security Agencies will be sustained so as to completely flush out the activities of these murderous gang so that normalcy will return to the country.