

WEEKLY REPORT FOR JUNE 24-30

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Boko Haram/North East Insurgency

On June 25, multiple media reports from Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) indicate that “there are no fewer than 1,200 graves in Bama, Borno State, including 480 which was said to contain children.”

On 26 June it was reported that Troops of 21 Brigade and Civilian JTF conducted a joint patrol to Zangebe, Maiwa, Algaiti and Mainari villages during which they killed 6 Boko Haram terrorists and wounded several others. The troops also claim to have liberated over 5,000 persons held hostage in these villages, recovered 5 motorcycles and a similar number of bicycles. There was also report on the same day that two suicide bombers attacked two separate areas of Maiduguri, killing an unknown number of civilians. Many view this attack as a horrible incident, particularly during the holy month of Ramadan.

On June 27, a Defense spokesman warned that Boko Haram insurgents are now adopting new strategies to evade easy detection. “Following the coordinated military offensive against the remnants of Boko Haram terrorists in Sambisa forest, the fleeing terrorists now disguise as vigilantes or hunters to evade easy detection,” Abubakar said.

In another report on June 27, Governor Kashim Shettima of Borno State said that some Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) have been taking advantage of the pains of Internally Displaced Persons in the state to defraud foreign philanthropists for personal interest, an act known as conflict entrepreneurship. The information was contained in a statement issued by Malam Isa Gusau, the Special Adviser to the Governor on Communication.

On June 29, two hunters were killed after seven hunters were abducted by Boko Haram militants in broad daylight in the outskirts of Maiduguri. A senior member of the hunters association in the state, Malam Abba Abatcha told Daily Trust that when he and other hunters drove in vehicles to Alau Dam along Bama road, armed men believed to be Boko Haram insurgents attacked and opened fire on them. Also on June 29, no fewer than 10 suspected Boko Haram members who reportedly fled Sambisa Forest in Borno State have been arrested by the Nigerian Police Force in Dogarawa area of Sabon Gari, Zaria. “Some good Samaritans volunteered information to us on the activities of the suspects. We immediately mobilized with about 100 mobile police and we successfully surrounded the house the suspects were living in.” In another attack, two Indian nationals were said to have been kidnapped by Boko Haram affiliates. One of the men abducted is a 44-year-old engineer from Visakhapatnam, Mangipudi Sai Srinivas, and the other has been identified as Anish Sharma, his colleague. Both are employees in a cement plant in Gboko town in Benue state in north central Nigeria.

Vanguard reported that representatives for President Buhari could not be reached to confirm the arrest of a body guard alleged to be linked to Boko Haram. NAIJ.com authoritatively gathered

that sources close to the President said the issue currently is a security issue and only the National Security Adviser (NSA) could comment on it.

On June 30, Nigerian Army troops recovered arms and ammunitions from Boko Haram after a three hour fight. An undisclosed number of the Boko Haram terrorists were killed or wounded. Eight soldiers and 2 Civilian JTF were also wounded during the encounter. They have since been evacuated and are reported to be in stable condition.

The Niger Delta

The Nation reports that on June 28, suspected Niger Delta militants took over part of Ebute – Ibafo in Obafemi Owode local government area of Ogun state and stopped a government convoy from accessing the community. Meanwhile, the Niger Delta Defense group has listed fresh demands to the government of President Muhammadu Buhari. In a statement made available to NAIJ.com the group said “the government should as a matter of urgency visit the demands or face massive action which shall cripple the economy and bring it to a standstill.”

Farmer and Herder Conflict in Nigeria’s Middle Belt

Troops of 1 Division Nigerian Army involved in Operation SHARAN DAJI, the outfit to clear cattle rustlers, armed bandits and kidnappers in the northwest geo-political region in the country, leared armed bandits in Gobirawan Kwacha, Dansadau District of Maru Local Government Area of Zamfara State. During the encounter in the forest, the troops killed three armed bandits and recovered 1 AK-47 rifle, 1 AK-47 magazine and 11 rounds of 7.62mm ammunition.

Rescue	CJTF death	injuries	civilian death	injuries	soldier death	injuries	terrorist death	loses	Surrender	Arrest
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- <http://www.premiumtimesng.com/news/top-news/205998-suicide-bombers-killed-bombs-maiduguri.html>
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- <https://www.today.ng/news/national/143846/military-locate-destroy-boko-haram-radio-naf-chief>
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https://web.facebook.com/NigerianArmy/posts/877564799022513?_rd=1

MALI

On June 25, the head of Islamist group Ansar Dine, Iyad Ag Ghaly, has released his first video in 22 months, reiterating threats against France and the United Nations' peacekeeping mission in Mali. In the footage given to AFP, Ag Ghaly stated that violent protest such as the one in Kidal in northeastern Mali in April against French forces and UN peacekeepers is an example of ways to confront "the crusaders' military machine."

On June 26, a police official stated that 14 people were killed in a clash over land in central Mali. Moussa Ag Infahi, the police director-general, stated that the fighting between residents of two villages in Djenne, in the Mopti region, occurred Saturday. He did not provide details on how the 14 were killed, though he noted the death toll was provisional and could change. It is the beginning of the planting season in the area, a period when land conflict is common.

On June 27, four Chinese peacekeepers injured in a terrorist attack in Mali last month were greeted after returning to Beijing. Another Chinese peacekeeper, Shen Liangliang, was killed in the terrorist attack in the northern Malian town of Gao after a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device was detonated at a their UN camp.

On June 29, The United Nations Security Council formally voted to increase the U.N.'s peacekeeping force in Mali by more than 2,500 troops. In another report, the Malian military says one of its convoys came under attack in the outskirts of Timbuktu in the country's volatile

north. Lt. Col. Diarran Kone, an adviser to the Malian Defense Ministry, confirmed the attack on Wednesday. Security officials in Timbuktu said three soldiers were killed and six others were wounded.

On June 30, the UN Security Council took action on three UN-led peacekeeping operations, extending the mandates of operations in Mali, Darfur, and the Golan Heights. In a unanimous vote, the 15-member Council adopted resolution 2295 (2016), under which it decided to extend the mandate of the UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA) until 30 June 2017. French reports indicate that the threat of Boko Haram has decreased but has not been eradicated. General Patrick Brethous, the commander of the French anti-insurgent military operation in the Sahel region stated “[Boko Haram’s] threat has not been eradicated, but has decreased...”

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- <http://www.9and10news.com/story/32308961/14-killed-in-clash-over-land-in-central-mali-police-say>
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Vincent Foucher, a political analyst at the Brussels-based International Crisis Group, stated during a phone interview that “Boko Haram is on the defensive and trying to replenish their reserves.” He went on to state that the organization is facing “a regional response that’s become much more coherent.” Fishing and farming in the fertile Lake Chad region have almost ground to a halt, causing hunger among the 280,000 people who have sought refuge in the area.

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- <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-06-27/boko-haram-fighters-prey-on-niger-after-fleeing-bases-in-nigeria>