

8 Soldiers Killed In Terrorists' Raid – Sources



FILE PHOTO. Nigerian soldiers

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A raid by IS-affiliated jihadists on a military base in Borno State killed eight Nigerian soldiers and injured 23 others, three security sources told AFP on Wednesday.

About 70 fighters from the Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) group riding motorcycles attacked a base at Cross Kauwa village, leading to a fierce gun battle, the security sources said.

“Eight soldiers paid the supreme price, and 23 others sustained injuries,” a military officer said of the attack which struck on Monday.

The militants mobilised from a camp on Dabar Masara island in Lake Chad and made a long detour to attack the base, two sources in anti-jihadist militia supporting the military said, giving the same toll.

“The terrorists burnt down the base along with 11 gun trucks and took away the anti-aircraft guns mounted on them,” said one anti-jihadist militia source.

All the sources asked not to be identified as they were not authorised to speak about the incident.

The base, 24 kilometres from the fishing hub of Baga, has served as a major security bulwark shielding that town from jihadist attacks.

ISWAP and rival group Boko Haram have intensified attacks on military bases in the northeast.