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Islamist Militants Kill 15 In Coordinated Raids Across Northeast

(Reuters) - Islamist militants killed at least 12 soldiers and three civilians in coordinated overnight attacks in northeast Nigeria, military sources and residents said on Monday, as attacks on armed forces intensify.

major military campaigns. The assaults in Kukawa, Dalwa and Goniri came days after a similar attack on an army post in Ngoshe and showed the militant groups' ability to hit multiple fronts at once.

A 17-year Islamist insurgency in the region has killed thousands of people and displaced 2 million, according to aid groups, despite

Boko Haram and Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) fighters swept into Kukawa district in Borno state before dawn

on Monday, pushing towards the nearby military camp in a three-hour battle, soldiers involved told Reuters.

Troops later retook the camp but not before the commanding officer and five other soldiers were killed, a military source said. Karta Maina Ma'aji Lawan, the lawmaker representing Kukawa, confirmed the attack and the

officer's death.

In Dalwa, militants killed two soldiers and three residents before torching more than 250 homes, said resident and traditional leader Shetima Isa.

In neighbouring Yobe state, insurgents overran the Goniri military base, killing four soldiers and setting vehicles and buildings ablaze, another soldier said

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