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This latest massacre is yet another painful reminder of the

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and security situation in north central Nigeria.

Troops kill ISWAP fighters in failed Borno attack

TROOPS of Operation Hadin Kai (OPHK) have repelled an attempted infiltration by suspected fighters of the Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) into Cross Kauwa in Kukawa Local Government Area of Borno State, killing several insurgents and recovering a camcorder containing sensitive operational and propaganda materials.

Preliminary forensic analysis of the recovered device also pointed to the involvement of foreign terrorist facilitators in the failed attack, reinforcing

• Foreign terrorist links uncovered

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concerns over ISWAP's transnational links.

Acting Media Information Officer of OPHK, Capt. Mohammed Goni, made this known in a statement yesterday.

According to him, the attack occurred about 10:20 p.m. on Saturday when the terrorists attempted to exploit the cover of darkness to overrun the troops' location.

He said the terrorists were be-

lieved to have targeted medical supplies, but vigilant troops detected their movement early and responded with coordinated and overwhelming firepower, forcing them to abandon the operation after suffering heavy casualties.

"The neutralisation of a terrorist cameraman during the failed assault led to the recovery of a Sony camcorder containing highly sensitive recordings of terrorist activities, including operational footage and propagan-

da materials.

"Preliminary forensic analysis of the last available video recorded before the attack indicates that the operation was coordinated by four senior ISWAP commanders (Qai'ds), alongside three foreign terrorist facilitators.

"They include a Palestinian Arab identified as Abu Ishaq, assessed to be ISWAP's overall trainer; a Moroccan Arab identified as Abu Thaiba, a medical doctor serving within the terrorist network; and another Arab operative whose identity is yet to be established."

Seven killed five injured in Bauchi Highway crash