

Army confirms death of Commander, six soldiers in Borno

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The Nigerian **Army** on Monday said that the Commanding Officer of Sector 3, Joint Task Force (North East), Operation HADIN KAI (OPHK), and six combatant soldiers were killed in Monguno, Borno State, on Sunday by terrorists.

According to a statement made available to defence correspondents in Abuja on Monday by the media information officer, Headquarters Joint Task Force (North East), Operation HADIN KAI, Lieutenant Colonel Sani Uba, the gallant personnel lost their lives during a deadly terrorist attack in the late hours of Sunday, 12 April 2026.

It explained that, following intense exchanges of fire, the terrorists were put to flight, with troops maintaining control of the location.

According to it, "Regrettably, the Commanding Officer, while courageously proceeding to the troops' location to personally assess the situation, encountered an improvised explosive device (**IED**) which severely affected his vehicle, leading to his death alongside six other gallant personnel."

"His actions, even after the immediate threat had been neutralised, reflected the highest traditions of military leadership: courage, selfless service, and leading from the front."

"His willingness to move towards the troops in the heat of the battle, despite the prevailing danger, stands as a profound testament to his valour, sense of duty and unwavering commitment to the welfare and operational effectiveness of his men."

The statement further explained that Operation HADIN KAI deeply mourns the loss of the exceptional officer and the other brave personnel who paid the supreme price in service to the nation and assured that their sacrifice would forever remain etched in the memory of the Armed Forces and the grateful nation they served.