



•Arms, munitions, communications gadgets and camouflage clothings recovered from the terrorists.

# CO, soldiers, terrorists killed in Borno Military Base attack

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**TENSION** gripped parts of Borno State, yesterday, following reports that the Commanding Officer of a military base in Kukawa Local Government Area, a lieutenant Colonel (names withheld), several soldiers and dozens of terrorists were killed during an attack on the military formation.

Sources said the insurgents launched the assault around 12.30am, storming the base from multiple directions in an attempt to overrun the troops stationed in the area.

Kukawa town, the headquarters of Kukawa LGA, lies on the fringes of Lake Chad Basin, an area that has witnessed repeated insurgent

activities.

Security sources said troops of the Joint Task Force North-East, Operation HADIN KAI, engaged the attackers in a fierce gun battle, supported by the Air Component.

Although many terrorists were reportedly killed during the clash, the Commanding Officer and some soldiers were also said to have paid the supreme price.

Another security source confirmed that the insurgents briefly dislodged troops, set some vehicles ablaze and carted away ammunition before reinforcements arrived.

Military authorities later confirmed that Boko Haram/ISWAP fighters launched coordinated attacks on several military locations in the North-

East, including Kukawa, Dalwa in Konduga LGA of Borno State, Goniri in Gujba LGA of Yobe State, Mainok, and troops' harbour positions in the Sambisa Forest.

In a statement, the Media Information Officer of Operation HADIN KAI, Lt. Col. Sani Uba, said the attacks occurred between 10:00 p.m. on March 8 and 3:00 a.m. on March 9, with terrorists attempting to overwhelm military positions from several directions.

According to him, troops mounted strong resistance with support from reinforcements and air strikes, forcing the insurgents to retreat after suffering significant casualties.

Weapons and equipment recovered from the fleeing

terrorists included two PKT machine guns, six AK-47 rifles, eight rocket-propelled grenade bombs, four mortar bombs, and assorted ammunition.

Uba noted that sections of the defensive perimeters at Goniri and Kukawa were momentarily breached during the intense firefights, while some structures and vehicles within the bases were damaged.

However, all locations remain under the control of Operation HADIN KAI troops.

He added that troops, supported by the Air Component, are currently conducting follow-up operations and cordon-and-search missions in neighbouring communities where some wounded insurgents were believed to have sought refuge.

Security analyst Zagazola Makama also confirmed that troops recovered weapons including a PKT machine gun, mortar bombs, hand grenades and communication equipment from insurgent positions around the camp.

Meanwhile, residents of Dalwa village in Konduga LGA reported that attackers also set ablaze many houses built for resettled communities, causing casualties among civilians.

In a separate engagement, troops under Operation Desert Samity reportedly repelled another terrorist attack deep inside the Sambisa Forest, killing at least two insurgents and recovering rocket-propelled grenade bombs, ammunition and communication devices.

In Yobe State, the Air Component of Operation HADIN KAI also carried out air strikes against insurgents who attempted to overrun a military position in Goniri. Fighter jets deployed for close air support dropped precision bombs on terrorist positions, killing at least 10 fighters and forcing others to flee.

Reacting to the renewed wave of attacks, Borno State Governor Babagana Umara Zulum called on residents to intensify prayers during the last ten days of Ramadan for peace in the state and the country.

In a statement issued by his media aide, Dauda Iliya, the governor—currently in Saudi Arabia for the Lesser Hajj—said the recent attacks should strengthen the resolve of residents to remain united against insurgency.

"As we enter the last ten days of Ramadan, let us intensify prayers and supplications for lasting peace in Borno State and Nigeria. The renewed attacks should unite us to confront our common enemy," Zulum said.

He also extended condolences to families who lost loved ones in the attacks and assured that the state government would continue to support the military and other security agencies in the fight against terrorism in the North-East.



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**PERMANENT SECRETARY**  
For: Honourable Minister.