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Soldier dies as troops repel attack in Adamawa town

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A soldier died on Sunday when troops repelled an attack by Boko Haram insurgents on Gulak town in Adamawa State.

Residents told Daily Trust that the assailants thronged the town in large number and burnt houses occupied by the soldiers.

A source said the insurgents were in charge of the town for hours before military reinforcement from nearby Madagali town engaged them, killing many.

The troops also recovered a truck conveying large quantity of ammunition and explosives as well as 20 rifles.

The source added that the insurgents took the corpses of their fighters and fled through Bitiku village towards Sambisa.

"The insurgents invaded Gulak around 6 pm on Sunday and sacked soldiers. All civilians escaped into the mountains and nearby villages. In the morning, we came back but we heard rumours that Boko Haram would return, so we fled again", he said.

Former administrator of Madagali Local Government, Maina Ularamu, confirmed the attack.

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He said the attackers came on foot through a path leading to Sambisa forest, and that they took the soldiers unawares.

Attempts to speak to military authorities in Mubi, was not successful, but the Police Public Relations Officer in Adamawa State, Othman Abubakar, confirmed the attack. He said the level of casualty was yet to be ascertained.



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