



# 15 SOLDIERS, 50 INSURGENTS KILLED IN BORNO

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Fifteen soldiers and 50 insurgents were killed in the latest fighting between the military and members of the Boko Haram sect in Borno state, Defence Headquarters said in Abuja yesterday.

It said the insurgents killed were the ones that attacked military formations at a barrack in Bama, Borno state on Friday.

Director Defence Information Major General Chris Olukolade in a statement yesterday said: "The military operations to track insurgents who carried out the last Friday pre-dawn attacks on Kur Mohammed Barracks, Bama has led to the destruction of over 20 vehicles conveying escaping terrorists.

"The vehicles were the ones used during the attack on the barracks and were sited through air surveillance as the terrorists were making efforts to cross the borders back to their haven in Cameroun."

"Although a good number of the insurgents escaped with bullet wounds while some have been arrested, over 50 of them died in the course of exchange of fire with ground troops in the ongoing operations to apprehend fleeing terrorists.

"The military has lost 15 soldiers mostly from the attack while some died during the pursuit. A total of 5 civilians also died during the attack.

"Intensive cordon and search operation is still ongoing to fish out the insurgents who might be lurking around communities in the area.

"Meanwhile, families affected by the attacks have been relocated to other military locations."

The latest attack was among one of the worst by the sect. Last month, the sect carried out one of their most daring attacks when destroyed three military aircraft and two helicopters at the Maiduguri airport.

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