

8 soldiers killed as insurgents invade Borno military base

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Eight soldiers, including an officer, were killed and dozen others wounded when suspected Boko Haram insurgents invaded a military formation in Damboa Local Government Area of Borno State, locals said.

The incident happened when the suspected

insurgents attacked the military barracks in Sabon Gari town of the LGA around 5:45pm on Sunday in a gun battle that lasted more than an hour.

The base was razed and weapons were equally burnt, according to Daily Trust sources who said the insurgents did not come for civilians but came to loot and attack the military base. "They came around

5:30pm and launched RPG (Rocket-propelled grenade) against two APCs (Armoured personnel carriers) and some vehicles with anti-aircraft guns. They burnt down the base and killed eight soldiers and dozens sustained various degrees of injuries," a source said.

The source added that after the insurgents had successfully overrun the base, they took away caches of

ammunition and four utility vehicles, hundreds of litres of petrol and diesel meant for operations by the military, as well as food stuff meant for troops.

Bukar Tahir, a resident of Sabon Gari and one of our sources who witnessed the incident, told *Daily Trust* on phone, "We ran into bushes when we started hearing RPG and other deadly weapon," Bukar Tahir said.

Why we organized Jos carnival - Lalong

From Bashir Liman, Jos

Governor Simon Lalong of Plateau State has said the main reason his administration organized the Jos Carnival was to consolidate on permanent peace in the state and use the exhibitions during the carnival to bring back investors who fled following the crisis that bedeviled the state.

Lalong stated this in a speech at the closing ceremony of the maiden edition of the Jos Carnival, reiterating that the state was now a safe zone for investors to carry on their businesses without fear.

The maiden Jos Carnival kicked off on April 12 with a fiesta for Plateau children. The carnival is intended to be an

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