Brig.-Gen. Sani Kukasheka, the Director of Army Public Relations, announced this in a statement in Maiduguri.

Kukasheka said that the insurgents had earlier carted away 200 cattle rustled at Makandari village of Kala Balge Local Government Area of Borno.

He said that the troops engaged the insurgents' on Saturday at Beneri village, killed two of them and recovered the stolen cattle.

Kukasheka said that the troops also recovered one AK-47 rifle, an emptied magazine, two motorcycles and a National Identity Card, adding that the cattle had since been returned to the owners.