

Terrorists killed, 3 soldiers injured as insurgents attack Borno govt officials

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Some suspected ISWAP insurgents were killed and three soldiers injured during a gun duel after the insurgents ambushed the convoy of the Borno State Resettlement and Relief Committee.

The combined troops thwarted the attack that happened along the Monguno/Maiduguri Highway at about 2pm yesterday, an official said.

Members of the relief committee, consisting commissioners and other top government officials were returning from Baga town where they had gone to distribute relief items to some returnees when they were ambushed.

Witnesses said the insurgents shot sporadically at the convoy at Jigalta, Guzamala Local Government Area along the Maiduguri-Gajiram-Monguno Road.

The insurgents were repelled by the combined troops of police, Civilian Joint Task Force and hunters killings some of the insurgents.

The leader of the delegation Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice Kaka Lawan Shehu confirmed the incident via a telephone conversation with our correspondent in Maiduguri last night.

"They made an attempt to obstruct our convoy but I can confirm to you that they were severely dealt with, the combined troops displayed gallantry and many of them were killed. Our troops pound on them and many of the terrorists were killed.

"Unfortunately, three soldiers sustained gunshot wounds during the attack, and are now stable condition," Shehu said adding that all the officials returned to Maiduguri safely.