

B/Haram: 2 soldiers feared dead as ISWAP invades military base in Borno

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Not fewer than two soldiers have been killed and formation razed down when armed men suspected to be loyal to the Islamic State of West Africa Province (ISWAP) fighters invaded a military camp in the southern part of Borno State on Tuesday, sources said.

It was learnt that the fighters rode on about 10 utility vehicles to storm and attack the military formation at Kwamdi village, Dambo'a Local Government Area, burning a military formation and stolen weapons after gun battles.

According to a member of Civilian JTF, Hamidu Abu, one Armour Personnel Carrier (APC) and gun truck was equally burnt by the attackers.

He further disclosed that the base was razed and arms and ammunition were stolen by the invaders. He added the deadly group did not target residents

but the base and soldiers.

"They came around 4pm and due to the sand storms, it was difficult for soldiers to repel them. They burnt down the base including APC and four other vehicles.

"Two soldiers lost their lives but some were yet to return as at 4pm yesterday; the fighters also carted away arms and ammunition."

A security source who has the knowledge of the incidents revealed that the base came under attack from gunmen believed to be ISWAP fighters around 4pm. The incident lasted for about 1 hour and 30 minutes.

The source added that fighters seized the opportunity of the sand storm weather to penetrate the base.

"Our base at Kwamdi came under attack but we didn't lose any of our personnel to the attackers, unfortunately, the base suffered some damages," a security source told *Daily Trust*.