

Troops kill insurgents, repel attack on Borno town

●Receive over 260 repentant insurgents in Gwoza

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Troops of Operation Hadin Kai have killed some fighters of Islamic State of West Africa Province (ISWAP) when they attempted to attack Damboa town in Borno State yesterday, sources said.

Daily Trust gathered that the gallant men of the 26 Task Force Brigade successfully repelled the attack on Damboa town, headquarters of Damboa Local Government Area of Borno State killing some fighters and recovering two vehicles from the attackers.

According to the vigilante's source, at about 5:30 pm, the insurgents armed with gun trucks and Armoured Personnel Carrier came through Kala village situated along Damboa-Biu road and opened fire on troops stationed on the bridges.

Although, our correspondent gathered that the attackers did not enter Damboa town, as they fired from a distance and troops returned back which forced them to be in disarray.

"As I am speaking with you, they were forced to abandon their two vehicles near the bridge, they didn't enter Damboa, the gallant troops pursued them and some of them were killed.

"May Allah continue to

protect our soldiers and give us peace in Borno State," the vigilantes source said.

A top military source also confirmed the development, saying "They came and many of them were sent to the early grave this evening. We are ever ready for them."

Damboia in the Southern Borno Senatorial District is about 85km drive from Maiduguri, the state capital.

Meanwhile, no fewer than 260 Boko Haram insurgents alongside more than 20 fighters and their families have surrendered to troops of Operation Hadin Kai in the southern part of the Borno State in the last two days, sources said.

This came a day after the Theatre Commander of Operation Hadin Kai said they eliminated 17 Boko Haram/Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) terrorists in Damasak, Mobbar Local Government Area of Borno.

The military said the unrelenting troops had arrested three other terrorists and also recovered motorcycles and other assorted weapons in an encounter on Sunday.

Our correspondent gathered that on Sunday, the 26 Task Force Brigade Gwoza received a total of numbers of 207 repentant insurgents who came out voluntarily from the deadly

Sambisa forest and moved straight to a military base in Gwoza town, headquarter of the Gwoza Local Government Area of the state.

A top military source familiar with the development confirmed to *Daily Trust* that they were received by the Brigade Commander of 26 Task Force Brigade in Gwoza yesterday evening.

The fighters comprised 26 men, 61 women and 128 children and another 50 insurgents who turned in themselves yesterday at the same military facility in Gwoza.

"Yes, many of them are surrendering on daily basis, just two days ago more than 200 (Boko Haram) gave in by themselves, yesterday we received more than 50 of them.

"We are monitoring the whole issues as we are using carrot and canes approach," A top military source told *Daily Trust*.

It was further gathered that one of the vicious Boko Haram top commanders surrendered himself last week with 20 grand tubes and several ammunition.

It would be recalled that more than 30,000 Boko Haram members and families have so far surrendered to the military in the last couple of months in Borno State.