

Troops kill 6 ISWAP fighters, repel attack on Zulum's hometown

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Troops on Sunday killed six persons suspected to be fighters of Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) and repelled an attempt to overrun Mafa town in twin attacks in Borno State.

Mafa is the hometown of Governor Babagana Zulum.

Daily Trust gathered that troops of the 152 Battalion, Banki, Operation Hadin Kai (OPHK), killed six ISWAP

fighters in the Kumshe-Banki axis of Borno State.

The neutralisation of terrorists last Sunday followed an ambush staged by the troops along the 54-kilometre border road to Cameroon.

A security source told our correspondent in Maiduguri yesterday that "Intelligence reports indicated that dozens of terrorists that usually attack and rob motorists and commuters were sighted in the axis."

He said troops' patrol operations, however, paid off by killing half a dozen

terrorists, while others escaped with gunshot wounds into the Gulumba Forest.

Specifically, troops of the Nigerian Army repelled terrorist attacks at Charly Papa I military post, Mafa, along the Maiduguri-Dikwa road.

A security analyst and counter-insurgency expert in Lake Chad, Zagazola Makama said the Nigerian troops of Operation Hadin Kai have further repelled a midnight attack on Mafa Local Government Area in the North Eastern Borno State on Sunday

night.

Scores of armed terrorists were said to have stormed the Borno State town in gun trucks and motorcycles and launched attacks against the troops with heavy gunfire.

"They attempted to attack us through Charly Papa 1, but we are able to foil their evil plans. The terrorists were pounded severely.

"They were forced to retreat and fled, abandoning their evil mission. No casualty on the side of the troops," Makama said.