

Soldiers Feared Dead As Boko Haram Raids Military Formations In Borno



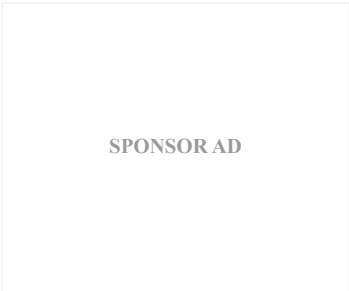
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Suspected Boko Haram terrorists have raided two military bases in Wajirko in Damboa and Wulgo in Gamboru Ngala local government areas of Borno State.

Security and local sources confirmed the raids to Daily Trust on Tuesday.

One of the military sources said a convoy of the newly Brigade Commander ‘Operation Hadin Kai’ in Damboa rode on landmines planted by the insurgents.



“Two soldiers were feared dead and many terrorists were killed during the encounter,” he said.

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According to the source, the Wajirko and Wulgo Army formations survived different terrorist attacks.

“The commander who led reinforcement troops stepped on the landmines, which injured him and other soldiers, but some terrorists were killed in the encounter,” he said.

The Wulgo Army formation is made up of combined troops from Nigeria and Cameroon. Wulgo shares border with Cameroon.

The incessant attacks are happening at a time the government is putting pressure on security agencies to reopen the Maiduguri-Damboa- Biu road, a distance of 185km.

The road has been inaccessible by commuters and motorists due to serious security concerns.

Senator Ali Ndume (APC, Borno South) under whose constituency the incident happened, expressed shock over the attack.

He said the renewed Boko Haram attacks in the areas call for serious actions by the government, despite acknowledging the efforts of the troops.

“It is really terrible the renewed Boko Haram attacks in Borno, especially in Southern Borno Senatorial District.

“As I speak, many communities in Gwoza, Askira-Uba, Chibok, Damboa, Biu, Hawul among other Council Areas have been witnessing a series of attacks, destruction and looting of property without confrontation by our security forces.

“It is also unfortunate that these attacks are coming at a time when Governor Babagana Zulum is making frantic efforts to reopen the Maiduguri-Damboa- Biu road which connects about five local government areas in my constituency to Maiduguri, the Borno State capital”

He called on the federal government to wake up from its slumber to address the root cause of insurgency by deploying sophisticated technological warfare “including drones to end this madness”.

Efforts to speak to the Police Public Relations Officer, ASP Kenneth Daso to comment on the attack were not possible as his mobile line was not reachable.