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2 soldiers, many terrorists killed as B/Haram attacks military formations in Borno

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wo soldiers and many terrorists were killed in attacks by Boko Haram insurgents on military bases in Borno State.

The assaults targeted formations in Wajirko, Damboa, and Wulgo in the Gambarou Ngala and Damboa local government areas.

Security sources confirmed the attacks occurred around 1 a.m. on Monday, catching troops off guard.

A military source said, "The terrorists overran the Wajirko

base, burning five MRAPs (Mine-Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles) and seizing arms. While two soldiers were confirmed dead, many insurgents were neutralised in the clash."

It was gathered that troops dislodged from Wajirko have reportedly regrouped at a military barracks in Biu.

In a separate incident, a newly deployed top military officer of Operation Hadin Kai in Damboa was injured when his convoy struck landmines planted by insurgents.

"The commander led reinforcements but stepped on

an explosive, injuring himself and others. He was later evacuated via helicopter after taking refuge on a telecom mast," a security source revealed.

Other sources said the soldier death toll may be higher, as insurgents reportedly razed the overrun base.

The Wulgo formation, jointly manned by Nigerian and Cameroonian troops near the border, was also attacked.

The assaults coincide with government efforts to reopen the Maiduguri-Damboa-Biu road, closed due to security threats.