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Four Killed As Troops, Insurgents Clashed At Borno Village

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==TROOPS of 7 Division of the Nigerian Army in Borno State at the weekend clashed with Boko Haram gunmen near Mainok village market in which four persons suspected to be members of the terror group and a soldier were killed.== The incident occurred while soldiers from the 7 Division were patrolling the 132-kilometre Maiduguri-Damaturu Road.

Members of the insurgent group have on many occasions attacked Mainok, a farming community. The village lies 58 kilometres west of Maiduguri, the epicentre of insurgency.

These was made known in a statement the Director of Defense Information, Maj-Gen. Chris

Olukolade, issued Saturday to newsmen in Abuja.

<mark>According to the statement the clash occurred, when soldiers on patrol of the Maiduguri-Damaturu axis discovered one of insurgents' hideouts near Mainok market.</mark>

Olukolade said: "Troops on a cordon and search along Njimtilo-Damaturu Road axis on Friday night had an encounter with a group of terrorists after their hideout was discovered by troops."

On how the suspects were killed, he explained that 'the fierce fight to dislodge them from the location, which is very close to a market, resulted in the capture of machine guns and rifles as well as the death of some number of them."

Some of the terrorists, according to Olukolade, were believed to have died in the fire that gutted the house where they had made their base.

He continued: "In Gulak, Adamawa state, troops in pursuit of terrorists caught up with some of them, who were in the process of blowing up a bridge to deter troops advance. The terrorists were not lucky as they died in their encounter with troops.

"Our troops are continuing with the cordon and search of the town and environs after overpowering the terrorists. A lot of arms have been recovered in the process."

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