

ghastly motor accident in Maiduguri, Borno State.

The late Abubakar, who was the Theatre Commander of Operation Lafiya Dole in the North-East, was

Damaturu Road.

Army spokesman, Col. Sani Usman, yesterday confirmed that Aliyu sustained some injuries and is being medically taken care of.

the reshuffle was to restructure "the Operation Lafiya Dole in the North East, to reposition it for more efficiency, effectiveness and

ward of the General Sani Abatcha Specialist hospital, Damaturu with heavy military presence before being conveyed back to Maiduguri.

positively impact on the nation's political, economic and social sectors for the betterment of the country," Saraki said.

18, feared killed as troops repel *Boko Haram* attacks

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TROOPS of the Nigerian Army yesterday repelled a group of rampaging insurgents as they staged an attack on military locations in Borno State, killing 18, captured one and recovered different sophisticated weapons from the fleeing insurgents.

A statement from the Acting Director, Army Public Relations, Col. Sani Usman, said the attack occurred at the military locations at Pulka and Bitta in the fringes of Sambisa Forest.

Usman said: "At the end of the debacle, two *Boko Haram* insurgents were feared killed while several

others sustained gun shot injuries."

The statement said the situation at Pulka was more devastating, as troops of 114 Task Force Battalion yesterday "came under three-pronged attack by *Boko Haram* terrorists fanning out of Sambisa Forest from Damboa, Tokumbere and

Pulka axis."

The troops, who are said to be ready and vigilant, responded with more aggression, killing all the attackers and recovering the high calibre weapons the assailants brought for the operation.

The statement read in part: "Troops rose to the occasion by repelling the attacks and

killing all the 16 attackers and captured one of them alive during the exploitation." 2

"The gallant troops also recovered 11 AK-47 rifles, three General Purpose Machine Guns (GPMGs), one Browning Machine Gun (BMG) and two Toyota Hilux vehicles."