

Troops kill three Boko Haram female bombers in Borno

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TROOPS of 22 Brigade Garrison of Operation Lafiya Dole have killed three Boko Haram female bombers in a clearance military operation in Kubtara village of Borno State.

A Rocket Propelled Grenade (RPG) and suicide vest were recovered during the three-hour patrol in Dikwa-Bama border axis.

In a statement by Col. Onyema Nwachukwu yesterday in Maiduguri, the Nigerian Army said: "The Chief of Army Staff, Lt-Gen. Tukur Buratai, has commended the troops for the successful exploits and

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encouraged them to be more daring, vigilant and steadfast."

According to Nwachukwu, the ongoing patrols are to clear remnants of Boko Haram terrorists in the Sambisa Forest and the Lake Chad region.

But suspected Boko Haram insurgents, in a convoy of gunship trucks and motorcycles, have attacked Buni/Gari community in Yobe State, torching many residential and public buildings.

Even though lives were not lost, the residents, particularly women and children, had to flee to neighbouring of Buni/Yadi community for safety on Sunday.

Residents of the community had been attacked severally by Boko Haram insurgents, leading to their being displaced, before they were returned to their homes by the Yobe State Emergency

Management Agency (SEMA) early last year.

Confirming the attack on Monday in Damauru, Yakubu Audu, a fleeing resident said: "The Sunday attack was a reprisal one. Boko Haram insurgents had before then been killed by members of the vigilante group that keeps vigil on our community.

"At about 6:50pm on Sunday, the terrorists, in their numbers, invaded Buni-Gari town of Yobe State and started shooting sporadically

making the residents of the village to run into the bush and Buni/Yadi."

In a telephone interview yesterday in Damaturu, two residents told *The Guardian* that there was a military post at Buni-Gari but the soldiers had relocated to Buni-Yadi after last month's attack on their location. "There was no soldier at the post, when the insurgents were torching our houses that Sunday evening. We had fled to the nearest Buni/Yadi," one of the residents said.

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