

Two soldiers, 12 terrorists killed as troops, ISWAP clash in Borno

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TROOPS of 152 Task Force Battalion, in conjunction with the air component of Operation Hadin Kai (OPHK), have killed 23 terrorists that were attempting to infiltrate the Forward Operational Base (FOB) at Bula Yobe in Borno

State.

Army spokesman, Brig-Gen. Onyema Nwachukwu, said yesterday that the terrorists, who came on gun trucks and motorcycles, attacked the location via an unsuspected crossing point, but were met with heavy fire from the troops.

"The land troops, in their usual dexterity, swiftly and

decisively engaged the terrorists, subsequently forcing them to retreat, having lost initiative. The troops sustained the fight and successfully neutralised 12 terrorists, with several others fleeing with gun shot wounds.

"The troops gallantly captured one gun truck, one Self Propelled Gun-9, one

Dushika Gun, one mounted QJC Machine Gun, one Light Machine Gun and five AK-47 rifles."

However, two soldiers paid the supreme price, while five others sustained injuries during the encounter. The injured were evacuated by the air component of OPHK to a medical facility, where they are

receiving medical attention.

The Chief of Army Staff (COAS), Maj-Gen. Farouk Yahaya, has reportedly lauded the land troops and the air component for their synergy and quick response.

He charged the troops to maintain the tempo and hold their ground.