

ISWAP kills 26 fishermen in Borno community

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ISLAMIC State West Africa Province (ISWAP) terrorists have killed 26 fishermen in Ngala Local Council of Borno State.

The men were killed while fishing and fetching firewood in Mukdolo village in the border community of Gambouru/Ngala.

A counter-insurgency expert in the Lake Chad region, Zagazola Makama,

disclosed, yesterday, in Maiduguri: "When dozens of the terrorists on motorcycles stormed the field, they began shooting sporadically at the fishermen."

A military source in Maiduguri also stated that nine among the victims, however, managed to flee with gunshot wounds.

The source added that three fishermen sustained bullet wounds, but the armed ter-

rorists surrounded 26 of them and killed them.

Explaining how they were killed, he said: "They asked them to lie down. Thereafter, they used their fishing nets and wrapped them before they started torturing them.

"When the victims became unconscious, the terrorists opened fire on them, killing them instantly."

According to Makama, the

bodies of the 26 farmers were later retrieved during a search and rescue operation by troops.

He said news of the tragedy was spread by the survivors.

The attack on civilians came a week after the troops of Operation Hadin Kai (OPHK) intercepted and killed an ISWAP Commander and some of the terrorists during a fighting patrol in Mukdolo.