

Bandits murder military officer, Yohana

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Scores die as B'Haram-ISWAP factional clash

CAPTAIN Ibrahim Yohana of the Nigerian Army has been killed by bandits.

The news of the death of the Kaduna State native is coming just nine months after his wedding.

The late officer, acknowledged for his bravery and commitment, has been described as a hero by those who knew him in his lifetime.

A security media source, Zagazola Makama, said: "His untimely death is a painful reminder of the dangers faced by members of the Nigerian military in their relentless fight against the growing security challenges in the country."

"Another hero has fallen," a close friend remarked, reflecting the deep sense of loss felt by all who were touched by Yohana's life and service.

Colleagues of the departed described him as an exemplary officer, who was dedicated to his duty, and always willing to go the extra mile to protect the lives of others.

"His death is not just a loss to his family and friends, but also to the entire nation," a source said.

In a similar vein, an intense battle between Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) and a Boko Haram faction has resulted in significant casualties and territorial shifts in the North Eastern Lake Chad region of Borno State.

According to counter-insurgency expert and security source, Zagazola Makama, no fewer than 100 fighters from both factions were killed in the clashes, which occurred on the island of Toumbun

Gini in Abadam council area 10 days ago.

Realible sources revealed that the Bakoura (aka Abu Umaina)-led JAS Buduma fighters launched a surprise attack on the ISWAP faction positioned on the shores of their headquarters at Toumbun Gini, resulting in severe losses for ISWAP, with over 90 members killed.

JAS lost 10 fighters, with others fleeing with bullet wounds.

The JAS Buduma fighters captured weapons and equipment during the battle, and subsequently seized control of nearby areas from ISWAP, including Toumbun Kare and Toumbun Rogo in Abadam council area.

The latest clash is part of a series of deadly encounters between the rival factions.