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Army kills 150 insurgents, loses 16

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A total of about 150 Boko Haram insurgents have been killed in a fierce battle with troops from 7 Division of the Nigerian Army.

Also, during the encounter that lasted several hours, one officer and 15 soldiers lost their lives.

Confirming the incident, Director of Army Public Relations, Brigadier General Ibrahim, said that on September 12, troops from 81 Battalion under 7 Division of the Nigerian Army, acting on intelligence report, learnt that the insurgents had regrouped at Kafiya forest with a plan to launch an attack.

The Army spokesman also disclosed that one Abba Goroma, one of the most wanted insurgents, was killed in the encounter.

The Federal Government had in 2012 placed a N10 million bounty on Goroma for any information leading to his whereabouts.

"Following the information, the troops launched an attack and destroyed the enemy camp, and during the encounter that lasted several hours, the troops killed 150 insurgents while one Lieutenant and 15 soldiers lost their lives."

The Army spokesman, disclosed that the insurgents' camp was well fortified with anti-aircraft and anti-tank guns mounted on vehicles.