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Military kills 200 insurgents, liberates Michika

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There are strong indications that the Nigerian Military has overrun Michika and Gulak in Madagali Local governments of Adamawa State which were in the past one month in the hands of the dreaded Boko Haram insurgents.

“The Nigerian troops have gained entry into Michika and Gulak are now fully in control of the towns having dealt a severe blow to the insurgents, as they lost over 200 members while some escaped with injuries received from gunshots,” a source told our correspondent on phone.

The source said following a fierce battle between the military and the insurgents, the military has recaptured Michika Local Government Area which the insurgents took control since September 7, 2014.

The source said: “I can confirm to you authoritatively that the military is advancing towards Madagali”.

The source who spoke from his mountainous hideout in Michika, noted that despite the military bombardment,

the insurgents on Sunday night re-grouped at the Government Technical College, Michika, to attack the soldiers before they were dislodged and chased away.

Another source from the area said Nigerian troops had earlier got a stiff resistance from the insurgents as they advanced towards Gulak leading to the prolonged gun duel.

The source added that “there is a heavy fighting between the insurgents and Nigerian troops as the insurgents are doing everything to frustrate the effort of the Nigerian troops and many people who were trapped in the towns are now sneaking out following intensified fighting”.

He added that the insurgents who were in their thousands came through Uba and attacked the Nigerian troops who had already advanced into Michika but were repelled immediately.

“The gallant Nigerians soldiers were attacked from back by the militants but the military men engaged them in fierce battle over five hours and sent them packing.”

Efforts to get the reaction from the Army Public Relations Officer (APRO) of the 23rd Army Brigade, Yola, proved abortive as his GSM line was not reachable while the police authority refused to comment saying it is not within their area of jurisdiction.

Meanwhile, the Adamawa State Acting Governor, Ahmadu Umaru Fintiri, has commended the efforts of Nigerian Military to liberate the two local government areas overrun by the militants in the past one month.

Fintiri who made this known in a statement signed by his chief Press Secretary, Solomon Kumangar, said it was welcome development to liberate Michika and commended the officers and men of the Military for their gallantry.

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