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Troops Kill 180 As 18 Die In Yobe Blasts

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At least 100 bodies of suspected Boko Haram gunmen were counted after a deadly nocturnal attack on a military formation left seven soldiers dead in Goniri village of Yobe State, military officials said.

Spokesman of the Nigerian Army, Col Sani Usman, described the death of the seven soldiers as paying the supreme price, even as he said the incident was a major victory for the troops as all the terrorists were killed.

Usman also stated in a statement that the attack (at about 3am) was supposed to be a desperate assault by the depleting terrorists to embarrass the army and give a false impression of still being in force.

He said, "The fleeing Boko Haram terrorists in a great sign of desperation and to create an impression that they remain relevant, at the early hours of today made a futile attempt on 120 Task Force Battalion troops located at Goniri, Yobe State."

"During the encounter, the troops recovered sizeable arms, ammunition and other equipment from the terrorists. These include 1 General Purpose Machine Gun, 2 Rocket Propelled Grenades, 9 AK-47 rifles and Belted rounds of 7.62 (NATO) ammunition. Others were various wires used for Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), 7 Primed IEDs, different types of Spanners and a Torchlight.

Blasts Kill 18 In Yobe

Multiple bomb blasts rocked Damaturu, Yobe State yesterday, killing 18 people and injuring many.

The first bomb went off around 7:34pm at Buhari Estate and was said to have left scores dead, while many were injured.

According to our correspondent, the second bomb exploded near Ministry of Works along Gashua Road, killing an unidentified family including women and children.

And less than two minutes later, the third explosion occurred not too far from the scene of the second explosion.

Boko Haram: Two suicide bombers kill 12 worshippers in Gubio

Two suicide bombers suspected to be members of Boko Haram yesterday detonated explosives in a mosque in Gubio town of Borno State, killing a dozen of Muslim worshippers during an early morning prayer session, security sources and witnesses said.

Sect Vows To Fight On, Reaffirms Allegiance To IS In New Video

The Boko Haram sect has released a new video in which an unidentified member vowed that the sect will not halt its violent campaign, and also reaffirmed its allegiance to the Islamic State (ISIS).

In pledging the allegiance to ISIS and its leader, AbuBakr al-Baghdadi, the Boko Haram spokesman asserted that the terrorist group, which only recently has been known as IS West Africa Province, was still under the leadership of Abubakar Shekau in an

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