

# ISWAP Kills DPO In Marte, Injures 2 Others

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Suspected Islamic State of West Africa Province (ISWAP) terrorists have on Monday night killed the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) and injured two others in New Marte, Marte local government area, in northern part of Borno State.

Sources in Marte said the terrorists sneaked into New Marte at about 7:30 Monday night and attacked a health worker, but he fortunately escaped.

The sources added that when the health worker escaped, he ran to the station to alert the police. On receiving the distress call, the DPO and his team went after the terrorists, but unfortunately, they ambushed the police team and killed the DPO.

The security source said, “Boko Haram entered New Marte yesterday and killed the DPO and wounded two others. They came to attack one Dr Adamu Fatai inside the host community of New Marte and went straight to his place. The doctor on notice of their suspicious movement sneaked out to the police station to notify the security people who mobilised themselves and moved to the doctor’s place to counter the insurgents. Unfortunately, the terrorists shot dead the DPO who led the police team. Two others were injured.”

It could be recalled that LEADERSHIP had on Monday exclusively reported the predicament of the resettled New Marte IDPs who cried out over hunger and malnutrition in their temporary camp as a result of their inability to freely move about to source for means of livelihood as a result of the presence of the terrorists some distance from their abode.

When LEADERSHIP visited New Marte, the DPO was seen coordinating internal security within the host community and the IDPs camp alongside personnel of Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) , while the military stayed some distance for general protection.

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When contacted for confirmation, the Borno State police spokesperson, ASP Nahum Daso, said, “ Good afternoon sir, the sad news is true.”