## Boko Haram Kills 3 Officers, I9 Soldiers In Borno Fresh Attack

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After the killing of 20 fishermen at Gadan Gari community in Bama local government area of Borno on Wednesday, Boko Haram/ISWAP terrorists have reportedly killed a military commander, two other senior officers and 17 soldiers at a military base in Malam-Fatori, headquarters of Abadam local government area of the state.

Bama is in Borno central while Malam- Fatori is in Abadam local government area in the northern part of the state is between Borno and Republic of Niger border.

In the latest incident, credible sources said for

several hours on Friday, the terrorists attacked the 149 Battalion in Malam-Fatori and dislodged the base as some soldiers who survived the invasion fled the area.

Intelligence sources who confirmed the attack added that the insurgents hit the base with multiple gun trucks, saying the terrorists razed many buildings and military operational vehicles during the crossfire.

"Apart from the dead bodies recovered, many other soldiers were seriously injured while a yet-tobe ascertained number of personnel were still missing as of Saturday. The commanding officer of the battalion, two senior officers including the base medical director were among those reportedly killed.

"This came a few days after the terror group launched a brutal attack on the military's Forward Operating Base in Damboa local government area of Borno State, killing a yet-to-be confirmed number of soldiers, with many believed to still be missing.

"The 25 Taskforce Brigade was attacked during the weekend with so many casualties, so far we have recovered over seven bodies. The terror group invaded the camp FOB Sabon Gari around 4am on Saturday, using various weapons," the sources said.

Meanwhile, in the Gadan

Gari attack in Bama, Modu Ari, a member of the civilian joint task force, said the insurgents stormed the fishing community on Wednesday at about 11:00am and opened fire at fishermen working in the area, killing at least 20.

Mustapha Kachallah, a resident, said his child was killed in the attack and they had buried more than 15 people.

The military and Borno State officials have not yet commented on the attacks.

Between November last year and now, there seems to be a resurgence of attacks by the terrorists from all corners of Borno State, prior to these two attacks, the terrorists had killed over 40 farmers in Dumba area which is a fishing and farming community in Kukawa local government area of the state.