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Cameroon soldiers kill 27 Boko Haram fighters across border

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after launching a cross-border operation in Goshi, Nigeria that also resulted in the

death of one soldier, a senior military official said.

Captain Yari Emmanuel, the head of Cameroon's Rapid Intervention Battalion, was also killed and at least six other soldiers were

injured in the operation early Thursday.

The terror sect had launched a series of attacks in Cameroon earlier this week, said Kodji. Ashigashiya straddles the

border of northern Cameroon and Nigeria.

"At least 27 Boko Haram fighters were killed in Thursday morning's operation," said Gen. Jacob Kodji, commander of Cameroon

troops in the area. The soldiers remain on the battle front there, he said.

Regional forces from Cameroon and Nigeria have since December 2015 been launching raids on Boko Haram strongholds along their borders, especially around Ashigashiya.

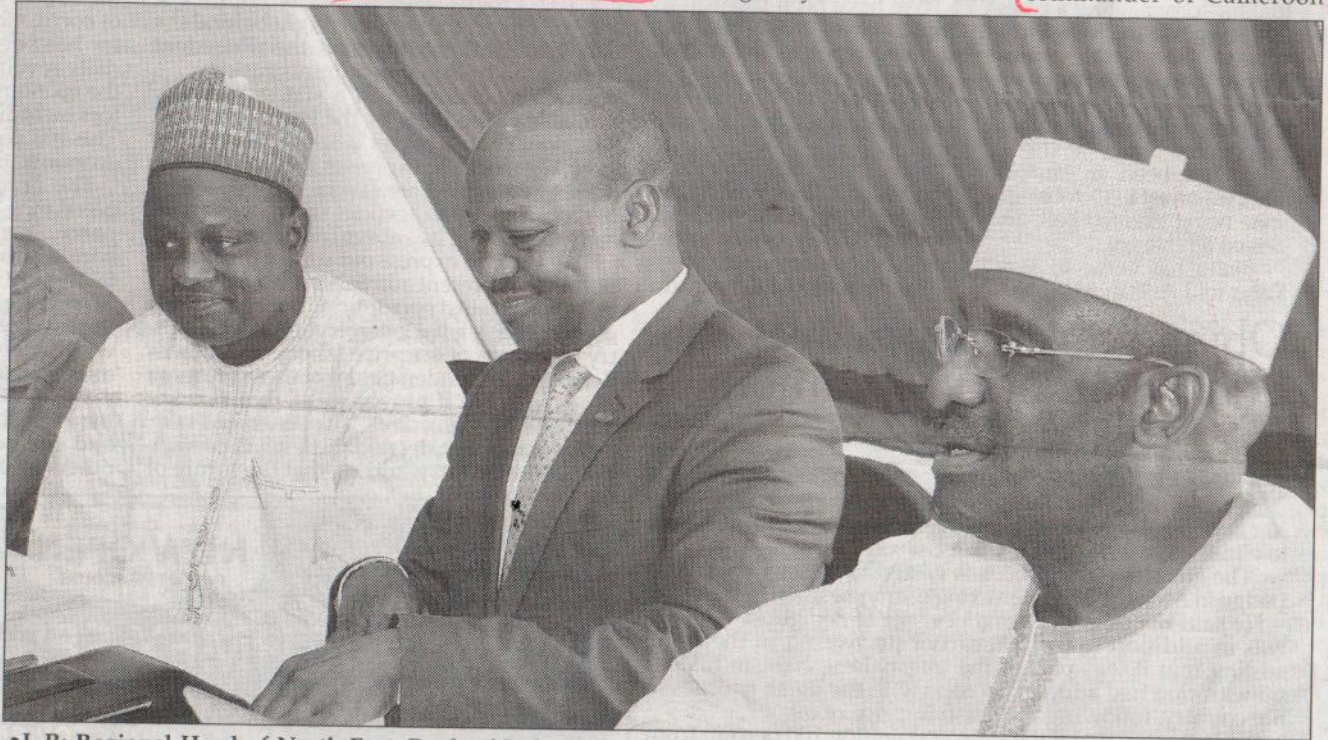
The militants began attacks across borders in 2014 and stepped them up early last year on neighbouring Cameroon and other countries that have supported the Nigerian military's effort to crush Boko Haram.

The newspaper, *L'Oeil du Sahel*, reported separately that Yari, the head of the elite unit of Cameroonian soldiers helping lead the military campaign against Boko Haram died in a battle with the militants along the border with Nigeria.

Army spokesman Colonel Didier Badjeck didn't answer multiple phone calls seeking comment.

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