

Army kills scores of terrorists in Damaturu attack



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THE Army has released details of Tuesday attempted attack on Damaturu, the Yobe State capital, saying several insurgents were killed in an ambush following credible information of the planned attack.

According to Acting Assistant Director, Army Public Relations, Sector 2 Operation Lafiya Dole, Lt. Njoka Irabor, the superior firepower of the land troops with the support of the Air Component of Operation Lafiya Dole overpowered the terrorists, who suffered a heavy casualty.

The troops recovered many items from the insurgents, including two gun trucks and anti-aircraft guns among others.

Irabor's statement reads: "Following credible information of planned efforts by Boko Haram terrorists to attack Damaturu, troops of Sector 2, Operation Lafiya Dole, successfully laid an ambush, which led to the extermination of many Boko Haram Terrorists (BHTs) that attempted to attack Damaturu, Yobe State, at about 5:15 pm, on Tuesday, April 9, 2019.

"The vigilant troops effectively ambushed the criminals few metres ahead of Maisandari community at the outskirts of the city of Damaturu.

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"The terrorists were overwhelmed by the superior firepower of the gallant troops and the well-coordinated air support, from the Air Component of Operation Lafiya Dole.

"Consequently, many terrorists met their Waterloo, some were also wounded and the following items/equipment were recovered: two gun trucks; two anti-aircraft guns; one 60 Millimetre Mortar; four AK 47 Rifles; one General Purpose Machine Gun and 1,245 rounds of 7.62 mm (NATO).

"Troops have embarked on the hot pursuit of the fleeing terrorists, mop up/combing of the general area is ongoing.

"Further details and possible recoveries would be provided on completion of the mop-up operations."