

20 insurgents, three bandits killed by troops in Borno, Benue

TWENTY suspected insurgents and three bandits have been killed in Borno and Benue states, troops claimed yesterday.

① The insurgents were killed by troops in what could have been another deadly attack at Askira Uba in Borno - the epicentre of insurgency - barely two weeks after the insurgents 'slaughtered' over 43 rice farmers in the state.

The heavily armed insurgents were promptly repelled by troops of 28 Task Force Brigade of Sector 1 Operation Lafiya Dole, resulting in heavy casualties on the side of the terrorists.

Four gun trucks were recovered by the troops, apart from other ones that were destroyed by airstrikes conducted by the Air Task Force of Operation Lafiya Dole.

However, one soldier was killed, while two others were wounded in the attack.

According to a statement by the Deputy Director, Army Public Relations, 7 Division Maiduguri, Col. Ado Isa, the terrorists, suspected to have

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come from the Sambisa Forest, mounted on over 15 gun trucks and approached the town from different directions simultaneously.

The statement reads: "On the 12th of December 2020, gallant troops of 28 Task Force Brigade of Sector 1 Operation LAFIYA DOLE inflicted heavy casualties on Boko Haram Terrorists (BHTs) that attempted to attack Askira Uba in Borno State.

"The terrorists were suspected to have come from Sambisa Forest, mounted on over 15 gun trucks and approached the town from different directions simultaneously. Troops responded and engaged the criminals with superior fire power.

② "Consequently, the terrorists suffered huge losses both in men, materials and equipment. Specifically, the troops captured four gun trucks from the criminals while some additional gun trucks were also destroyed by the Air Task

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