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## Troops ambush Boko Haram, repel attack on Borno town

**A**N attempt by Boko Haram insurgents to attack troops' location at Marte, Borno State, hit the rocks on Friday night after the army and the air force overpowered the invaders and eliminated scores of them.

The acting Director, Defence Media Operations, Brig.-Gen. Benard Onyeuko, said yesterday that troops of Operation Tura Takaibango in conjunction with Air Task Force Operation Lafiya Dole eliminated scores of Boko Haram terrorists and destroyed seven of their gun trucks during the fight.

Onyeuko said a yet to be confirmed number of terrorists met their Waterloo when they attempted to attack troops' location on the outskirts of Marte in Marte Local Government Area on Saturday.

He said the troops, acting on reliable information about the attack, had positioned themselves

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in an ambush where they tactically ambushed the terrorists and opened fire.

His words: "Troops of Operation Tura Takaibango in conjunction with the air task force in operation Lafiya Dole have effectively destroyed 7 Boko

Haram/ISWAP terrorists' gun trucks and decimated several unconfirmed number of the terrorists when they attempted to attack their location on the outskirts of Marte in Marte Local Government Area of Borno State.

"The gallant troops, based on reliable information about the attack, had positioned themselves in an ambush site where they tactically withdrew to and awaited the arrival of the terrorists before they opened fire which led to fierce battle that resulted in the successes recorded as indicated above.

## Malami flags-off NDE 774,000 jobs in

From Khadijat Said, Birnin Kebbi

to fast-track the achievement of the Economic Recovery and Growth Plan (2017-2020).

He said the objective was to facilitate the creation of productive and inclusive societies in the country and shield the most vulnerable from passive hunger, poverty, environmental degradation and joblessness. The Minister said the programme was implemented in eight states of the

**A**TTORNEY General of the Federation and Minister of Justice, Abubakar Malami, (SAN) has said the extended Federal Government Special Public Works Programme of 774,000 jobs opportunities to Nigerians was part of deliberate efforts and conscious strategies to address the population of unemployed youths and rising insecurity in the country. Malami stated this in Birnin-Kebbi at the flag off of the programme, maintaining that the employment opportunities was part of strategies adopted

federation with the target of immediately engaging 774,000 selected unemployed Nigerians to execute carefully selected projects across the 774 local government areas in the country. He said 21,000 unemployed youth will benefit from the programme in Kebbi State.

"I am convinced that the programme will provide the necessary economic palliatives to these 774,000 unemployed youths. He added that the youth who diligently participate in the projects may deploy the knowledge and