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## B/Haram members kidnap wives, children of soldiers in Borno

### •Military deploys fighter jets, hunts down militants

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Many wives and children of military men were reportedly kidnapped by suspected Boko Haram militants who attacked the Nuhu Muhammed Barracks in Bama, Borno State, on Friday, this is just as unconfirmed reports revealed that about 13 soldiers, 18 women and children and about 100 Boko Haram sect members were killed during the attack.

Following the Friday attack, more troops and heavy artillery were seen coming into Maiduguri, the Borno State capital, while fighter jets have continued to fly over the city, as military sources said soldiers were still in pursuit of the military insurgents who attacked Bama, with some of them seen crossing over to Banji area in Cameroon.

The Nigerian military has deployed fighter jets in a bid to hunt down the militants and possibly rescue their victims.

7 Division Nigerian Army in Borno State is yet to make a statement regarding the attack but Sunday Tribune gathered that soldiers were also killed in the attack, aside women and children who were earlier kidnapped by the insurgents and killed not too far away from the barracks.

According to a report published by the Associated French Press (AFP) yesterday and authenticated by Sunday Tribune's sources in Borno State, the audacious attack by Boko Haram fighters numbering about 300 did not only leave casualties in the form of the dead, a yet-to-be-identified

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number of soldiers' wives and children were taken away by the terrorists, who attacked the military barracks around 2.30 a.m.

Though the number of hostages taken by the terrorists could not be ascertained, as military authorities were yet to give a figure, findings revealed that the military had since surrounded Abbaram, a village near Bama, where it was thought that the terrorists might be keeping their hostages.

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