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Gunmen attack Army Base in Bauchi, kill 2, injure 1

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SOME gunmen, early Thursday morning, attacked an Army Base at Wunti Dada area of Bauchi metropolis, killing two soldiers and injuring one, but one of the attackers was killed by soldiers in the area.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that six soldiers were on duty as of the time of the attack, out of which two, the commander of the base and a sergeant, were said to have been killed by the gunmen, while the other soldier, a private, was injured on his leg.

An army source, who did not want his name in print, however, told the Nigerian Tribune that two people lost their lives in the attack, informing that a soldier was killed by the attackers, while one of the hoodlums was also killed.

While lamenting the attack, the source stated that the gunmen might be remnants of insurgents smoked out of the Balmo forest in the Darazo axis of Bauchi State, saying that there was the tendency that they could regroup elsewhere since their base was taken over by the military.

The attack, it was gathered, occurred at about 5.45 a.m, sending jitters down the spines of residents, as gunshots rend the air in the area, located on the Bauchi-Jos road, throughout the time the exchange of gun fire lasted.

A resident told newsmen that the attackers arrived the area on two Bajaj motorcycles, adding that the soldiers in the base were caught unawares by the gunmen.

“The attackers arrived about 5.45 this morning, shortly after we finished our Subhi prayer. They opened fire on the soldiers in the base and killed two of them

and injured another.

"One of the attackers was also shot and killed, but the rest of the attackers escaped when other soldiers opened fire in response," the resident said.

It was gathered that the remains of the slain soldiers were taken to the Army health facility in Bauchi, while the body of the unknown gunman killed by soldiers in the attack was said to have been deposited at the morgue of the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University Teaching Hospital (ATBUTH) in Bauchi.

When contacted to confirm the attack, the Bauchi State police command's Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Haruna Mohammed, declined comment, referring journalists to contact the Army for comments.

When the Nigerian Tribune visited the 33 Artillery Brigade, Shadawanka Barracks, officers on duty stated that they were not in position to comment on the incident, saying it was only the Director of Defence Information, Brigadier-General Chris Olukolade, who was capable of speaking on such incident.

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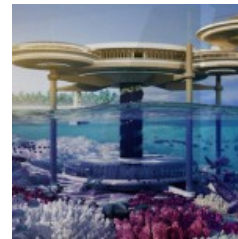
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