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Nigerian military kills 67 Boko Haram members in Ashaka

AT least, 67 terrorists died during a fierce battle for the control of Ashaka, the host community of Ashaka Cement Plant in Gombe State last week Thursday.

Other insurgents managed to retrieve three truckloads full of their members before their final retreat from the town, which they stormed earlier on that day after suffering heavy defeat in the hands of Nigerian troops.

The terrorists, who had come in large numbers with heavy equipment and convoy of over 30 vehicles, including a number of motorcycles, were on a mission to take control of Ashaka town, after they had operated in Bajoga and environment in the state.

According to a Tweet on Defence Headquarters handle (Friday, December 5, 2015), the troops, who got wind of their intention to overrun other towns, pursued the terrorists while some also laid ambush for them.

Most of the vehicles and equipment used by the terrorists for their mission were destroyed by the troops who chased the insurgents from the town.

More than 10 soldiers, it was gathered, died during the battle while others who were wounded are being treated in military hospitals

Meanwhile, patrolling troops on Saturday had an encounter with a group of terrorists in the Kwanta Yobe area.

Apart from a number of terrorists that died in the encounter, some equipment and weapons including rapid propelling guns (RPGs) tubes, machine guns and rounds of different calibres of ammunition were also captured from the terrorists.

Sugar, Dapo-Lam, Fijabi, Awoleye, others pick Oyo APC House of Reps ticket

BY NURUDEEN ALIMI

A member of the Oyo State House of Assembly, Honourable Temitope Olatoye a.k.a Sugar; Dapo Lam-Adesina, son of former governor of the state, Alhaji Lam Adesina; Honourable Saheed Akinade Fijabi and Honourable Abiodun Awoleye Dada have emerged candidates of All Progressives Congress (APC) for the election into the House

of Representatives.

They emerged after the primaries held across the 14 federal constituencies in the state.

In Ibadan North federal constituency, a member of the House of Representatives, Honourable Abiodun Awoleye defeated the son of the late Abdulazeez Arisekola-Alao, Umar, after polling 140 votes.

In Ibadan South-West/

North West constituency, Honourable Fijabi won by a slim margin, after polling 180 votes to beat the likes of Samuel Kola Ajadi, Rotimi Ajanaku and Fatai Abimbola, who polled 179, 109, and 96 respectively.

Honourable Sunday Adepoju won the primaries in Ido/Ibarapa East federal constituency, while former commissioner for information, Bosun Oladele, picked the ticket in Irepodun/ Oorelope constituency. Mathew Abioye won in Sugulara/Ogo-Oluwa con-

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