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The 7 Brigade of the Nigerian Army, on Saturday entered and cleared Gudumbali town in Guzamala Local Government Area of Borno.

This is contained in a statement signed by Col. Sani Usman, Acting Director, Army Public Relations.

He said the effort was part of the continued offensive against the Boko Haram terrorists.

He added that during the operation, a number of terrorists were killed and their weapons and equipment destroyed.

Usman recalled that the Nigerian Air Force inflicted severe design go on the terrorists' camps within the general area last Monday. In related development, Usman said that troops of 5 Brigad Exposive Ordinance Devices (EOD) unit ran into landmines while advancing towards Dikwa.

He said the landmines were buried by the terrorists between old Marte and Kerenoa junction in Marte Local Government Area of Borno. According to Usman, two soldiers lost their lives, while two others sustained critical injuries from the landmine explosion.

``The bodies of the two gallant soldiers have been evacuated while the two wounded soldiers are already receiving treatment at the military hospital,'' he said.

Usman said the army also lost a Mowag Armoured Personnel Carrier (APC) in the same location.

- ``Despite these sad events, the troops are not deterred as they continue their advance and pursuit of the terrorists to their enclaves in Sambisa forest.
- ``The troops in the various formations and units in Operation LAFIYA DOLE are in very high spirits and more determined to destroy the terrorists' camps and enclaves,'' he said.

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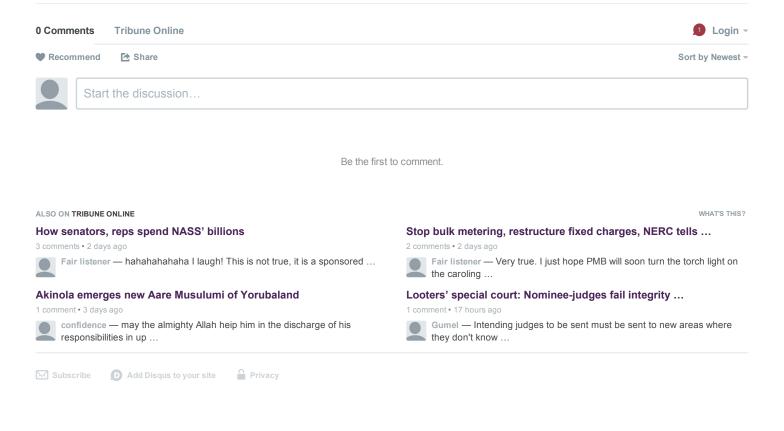
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