

Military kills over 100 invading Boko Haram fighters in Yobe

7 soldiers dead, 9 injured

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OVER 100 Boko Haram members were, in the early hours of Wednesday, killed by the military after a futile attempt on 120 Task Force Battalion troops located at Goni, Yobe State.

The troops successfully

repelled the attack and inflicted heavy casualty on the invading terrorists, as all of them were said to have been killed.

Colonel Sani Kukasheka Usman, acting Director of Army Public Relations, confirmed this in a statement, adding that the attack on the battalion was carried out by fleeing

terrorists who, he said, showed a great sign of desperation and attempted to create an impression that they remained relevant.

"On the last, count, over 100 terrorists bodies were seen. Unfortunately, however, seven of our gallant soldiers paid the supreme price while defending our fatherland, while an officer

and eight soldiers were wounded in action," he said. According to Usman, the troops recovered a sizeable arms, ammunition and other equipment from the terrorists.

The recovered weapons included a general purpose machine gun, two rocket propelled grenades, nine AK-47 rifles and belted rounds of 7.62 (NATO) ammunitions.

Others were various wires used for improvised explosive devices (IEDs), seven primed IEDs, different types of spanners and a

torchlight.

"The troops have consolidated on the encounter and are more determined to defend their location and continued to serve as blocking force to any fleeing terrorists from the Nigerian Air Force aerial bombardments and other troops artillery fire.

"In a related development, troops of 21 Brigade on fighting patrol from Bama to Ngurosoye have destroyed Boko Haram terrorists camps along that axis.

"While on patrol, the brave soldiers came across

some of the terrorists hideouts that also served as fabricating area for IEDs and the terrorists' training area.

"Another patrol along Bama-Kawuri axis discovered and exhumed IEDs and wires for detonation.

"It is important to reiterate that the Nigerian Army, along with the support of the Nigerian Air Force and other security agencies, would not relent in its determined effort of defeating Boko Haram terrorists," the statement added.

Scores of worshippers feared killed as explosions hit 2 Borno mosques

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revealed that the attackers came before the evening prayers and planted some

not arrest anyone.

According to Mohammed, details of the casualty fig-

SUSPECTED — members of Boko Haram on Tuesday