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# Army kills 10 insurgents, recovers 52 cows in Borno

## Boko Haram insurgents kill 3 farmers, abduct 1

THE Nigerian Army on Thursday said it killed 10 Boko Haram insurgents in a clearance operations in Marte Local Government Area of Borno State.

A statement issued in Maiduguri by Colonel Timothy Atigha, the spokesman of the 8 Task Force Division, said the troops also recovered bicycles and cows from the insurgents.

He also said that the troops launched two separate attacks against the insurgents at Maza, Danari and Mowo villages of Marte and Monguno Local Government Areas.

"In continuation of ongoing efforts to deny terrorists freedom of action in its area of responsibility, troops of the 8 Task Force Division have neutralised 10 terror-

ists in Maza village of Marte Local Government Area of the state.

"The terrorists fell into an ambush laid by troops at about 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday as they attempted to sneak back into their swampy hide-outs in the Lake Chad Basin.

"The troops also recovered 52 rustled cows from the insurgents at Danari and Mowo villages in Monguno Local Government Area," he said.

Atigha said the troops recovered 10 bicycles, carts and food items.

He disclosed that the insurgents had resorted to bicycles and carts as means of transportation due to the intensified offensive of the military against the insurgents.

In another development,

Boko Haram insurgents have killed three farmers and abducted one at the Mo-loi area of Maiduguri.

The **News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)** reports that the incident occurred on Tuesday when the insurgents attacked the farmers at a farm some few kilometres away from the village.

A witness, Ali Alhaji, said the farmers went to work in their farms but did not return home in the evening.

Alhaji said their families, then alerted other people in the village on the missing farmers who dispatched a search team who recovered their corpses from the bush.

"The inhabitants alongside a team of vigilante members searched the bush and recovered the corpses.

"The deceased had their hands tied behind their back and their heads chopped off and placed on their back," he said.

Alhaji added that one other farmer went missing after the attack, and that his motorcycle was found on his farm.

Another inhabitant of the village, Ibrahim Bukar, said the slain farmers were buried in accordance with Islamic rites.

"They were butchered to death in a horrific and barbaric manner," Bukar said.

Efforts to get comments of military and police authorities on the incident were unsuccessful, but a competent security Source confirmed the story.

The source, however, said the deceased were members of a vigilance group.

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The minister, however, stressed that a lot of consul-

challenges and emergencies.

Earlier, Major-General Baldwin had said they were in Nigeria to foster partnership between both countries.