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ISIS didn't kill 30 soldiers in N/East, says army spokesman

THE Nigerian Army, on Tuesday, dismissed as "falsehood," alleged killing of 30 troops by Islamic State (ISIS) in an ambush on troops engaged in the counter-insurgency campaign in the North-East.

The *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)* reported that a section of the media reported that ISIS had ambushed and killed 30 Nigerian troops on Friday, in the region.

Deputy Director, Army Public Relations, Theatre Command Operation Lafiya Dole, Colonel Onyema Nwachukwu, made the denial in a statement issued in Maiduguri.

Nwachukwu said contrary to the report, there was no such attack on troops of Operation Lafiya Dole by ISIS or any other adversary within or outside the theatre of operation.

He noted that it was media propaganda and an attempt by the Boko Haram terrorists to remain relevant and portray seeming potency.

He explained that the concocted report was unsubstantiated and lacked credibility.

"The graphic images used to support the article were closely studied and lacked nexus to any recent operational engagements of Operation Lafiya Dole.

"It is very pertinent to state that the photographs culled

were not a reflection of recent operational encounters of Operation Lafiya Dole," he said.

Nwachukwu said there was neither encounter between the troops of Operation Lafiya Dole with ISIS terrorists nor had they suffered such fictitious attack as claimed.

He dismissed the said article and graphic images as

"bundle of unprofessionally packaged falsehood, aimed to misinform and create fear in the people and build an aura of false potency around the terrorists."

The spokesperson stressed that the troops had sustained devastating attacks on the Boko Haram insurgents in precursor operations in the theatre of operation.

Damaturu schools reopen after rumour of injection of children on head, navel

PRIMARY schools in Damaturu, Yobe State, re-opened on Tuesday, 24 hours after they were hurriedly closed following rumour of alleged injection of children on the head and navel.

The *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)* reported that parents had stormed the schools on Monday and evacuated their children when a rumour circulated that a non-governmental organisation (NGO) was administering injection.

NAN correspondent who visited some schools

in Damaturu reported that the children had resumed, while lessons had also commenced.

A teacher at Ali Marami Primary School, who preferred anonymity, said "they just heard of the rumour yesterday and was advised to close the school.

"We learnt that some mob molested the headmistress of Bindigari Primary School over the alleged injection and were moving from one school to another, therefore we closed the school for safety.

"As government authorities have dispelled the rumour, all is now normal and parents have allowed their children to go back to school and lessons are going on smoothly," he said.

Commissioner for Health, in Yobe State, Dr Bello Kawuwa, said at a press briefing, that things have calmed down as the parents have realised that the rumour was unfounded.

"There was no such incident in any location in Damaturu or any other part of the state," he stated.