

No civilian killed in Boko Haram attack on WFP's convoy — Army

THE Nigerian Army, on Monday, denied the killings of civilians in an attack coordinated by the Boko Haram insurgents against the World Food Programme (WFP's) trucks on Saturday.

Theatre Commander, 'Operation Lafiya Dole', Major-General Rogers Nicholas, gave the clarification in a Short Service Message (SMS) to the **News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)** in Maiduguri.

Nicholas said the troops escorting the trucks killed six insurgents and recovered weapons.

He explained that there was no civilian casualty in the attack, adding that he was at Dikwa when the incident occurred.

"There was an ambush, but the soldiers killed six Boko Haram insurgents and recovered weapons. No civilian was killed.

"I was in Dikwa that Saturday and this happened while I was within," Nicholas said.

However, the World Food Programme (WFP), on Sunday, said a driver of its hired truck and three other persons were killed in an attack at Ngala, in Gamboru-Ngala

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Local Government Area of Borno State.

Communication Associate of the WFP, Ademigbuji, said in a statement issued in Maiduguri, that a convoy of the WFP's hired trucks conveying food items were attacked by gunmen 35 kilometres South-West of Ngala, on Saturday.

He disclosed that the convoy escorted by the military was conveying foodstuffs for distribution to the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in the area.

He said a driver of the

hired truck, his assistant and two other persons were killed in the attack.

"WFP confirmed that a convoy escorted by the Nigerian military, including WFP hired trucks, was subject of attack by armed groups, 35 kilometres South-West of Ngala in Borno State, on December 16.

"Four people, including the driver of a WFP hired truck and his assistant, were killed in the incident.

"WFP is working with the authorities to determine the whereabouts of the trucks," Ademigbuji said.

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