

# Five terrorists, four soldiers killed in Boko Haram attack in Yobe

FIVE Boko Haram members, an officer and three soldiers died on Saturday, at Buni Yadi, in Gujba Local Government Area of Yobe State, during encounter between troops and the terrorists.

According to the **News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)**, the army spokesman, Colonel Sagir Musa, who confirmed the attack in a statement on Sunday, said the casualties were recorded when the terrorists attacked a military formation in the town.

The Nigerian Army Special Forces School and 27 Task Force Brigade are both located in Buni Yadi.

Musa said five other soldiers were wounded and

were receiving treatment in the Brigade Field Ambulance. Musa said the insurgents were armed with four gun trucks, one Mine Resistant Ambush Protection (MRAP), one MOWAC and assorted arms and ammunitions.

He noted that nine AK 47 rifles, one anti-aircraft gun, 121 rounds of 12.7 mm anti-aircraft ammunitions, two 36 hand grenades, 295 rounds of 7.62 mm special ammunition and four Improvised Explosive (IED) Device, were recovered from the insurgents.

Musa said one IED cylinder, one RPG bomb, one RPG bomb charger, one gun truck and one Bajaj motorcycle, were also recovered from the terrorists.

He quoted the Chief of Army Staff, Lieutenant-General Tukur Buratai, to have commended troops for successes being recorded in recent times in the battle against insurgents in the North-East and enjoined them to remain resolute, alert and decisive as well as professional.

Buratai also thanked all those who passed timely and credible information that aided the successful "abortion of the attempted attack on troop's position in Buni Yadi."

In another development, Musa said troops deployed to provide security for the rescheduled Presidential and National Assembly elections at Iwaraja junction along

Osun and Ogun states axis on Saturday, intercepted three hoodlums.

He said they were intercepted on motorcycle moving towards Ilesha East Local Government Area, with intent to disrupt smooth conduct of the rescheduled elections in the area.

The army spokesman said the hoodlums would be handed over to the police upon completion of "initial profiling and investigation."

He said one locally made pistol, three rounds of cartridges, three mobile phones, one iPad, one Peace Corps face cap, one Peace Corps ID card and N14,300, were recovered from the suspects.