

Troops repel Boko Haram terrorists' attack in Michika

TROOPS of the Nigerian Army, on Monday, repelled Boko Haram insurgents at Michika in Adamawa State, while inflicting heavy casualties on them, the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) has reported.

A statement by army spokesman, Colonel Sagir Musa, stated that the terrorists attempted to infiltrate the town at about 7:20 p.m., but troops blocked and engaged them on two fronts.

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Musa said many of the insurgents were killed, while others fled in disarray due to the superior firepower of the troops.

He said the terrorists "hastily evacuated most of the bodies of their colleagues under the cover of darkness."

The army spokesman, however, said the entire area had been secured by troops, adding the situation is now under control.

He said items captured

from the terrorists included one Ford vehicle, two Toyota Starlet vehicles loaded with foodstuffs, one motorcycle and one tyre inflating machine.

According to him, further survey of the area would be conducted on Tuesday morning.

He said calm had been restored in the town, while urging residents to go about their businesses, but report strange persons in their localities to security agencies.

Meanwhile, activities in Michika, on Tuesday, showed normalcy has returned to the town.

NAN reported that shops and schools in the town have reopened for normal business activities.

"Schools and shops are all open except for the ones looted and burnt by the insurgents," said a resident of the town, Abdulrahman Mutawalle.

Another resident, Simon Musa, said things have nor-

malised, adding that about five people were killed and many others injured during the attack.

"Things have normalised except that we lost five people and the only bank in Michika was burnt, a development that would seriously affect many residents who will now have to travel to Mubi to carry out banking transactions," Musa said.

Also speaking, the Adamawa State Commissioner for Information and Strategy,

Mallam Ahmad Sajoh, said the town was now calm, and government was assessing the level of damages.

"There are few dead and many injured, although I am yet to ascertain the exact number; some of the injured are currently receiving treatment at the Michika General Hospital, while some were referred to Mubi and Yola.

"Those killed were hit by stray bullets or caught in the cross-fire," Sajoh said.