

Colonel, six soldiers die as Boko Haram ambushes military gunboat in Borno

1 BOKO Haram, at about 1721 hours on Wednesday, ambushed a military gun truck moving between Benishek and Jakana in Borno State.

Military sources told reporters that the insurgents opened fire which lasted for about 10 minutes on the truck.

A colonel of the Nigerian Army and six other soldiers were reportedly killed after the ambush.

It was also gathered that several Boko Haram fighters

were killed by the troops during the encounter.

Meanwhile, residents of Jimtilo, a settlement about one kilometre to Maiduguri, are fleeing their homes due to threat by the insurgents to attack the community.

A resident who simply named himself as Musa told newsmen that "we are currently fleeing our homes in the dark after Boko Haram issued the threat of attack this evening (Thursday)."