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Again, terrorists kill officer, 7 soldiers in Borno

A Nigerian Army officer and seven soldiers have been killed in a fierce battle against Boko Haram terrorists in Mainok, 60 kilometres from Maiduguri, Borno State.

Security sources told **PR**

Nigeria that the deadly encounter which occurred about 1:p.m on Tuesday before the troops repelled an ambush on 156 Task Force Battalion of the Nigerian Army also left five soldiers wounded and two others still missing in action.

But following the ensuing gun duel, some of the attackers were also battered and killed with many injured.

"Two gun trucks and three anti-aircraft equipment could not be accounted for following the attack," the source said.

The source also confirmed that the bodies of the fallen soldiers had been recovered and the wounded moved to a medical facility for treat-

ment. When contacted, the Director of Army Public Relations (DAPR), Colonel Sagir Musa, did not respond to a media enquiry on the incident.

However, another army spokesperson said the military would issue a formal statement on the incident as details were being expected from the Theatre Command, Operation Lafiya Dole.

There has been a spike in the attacks by Boko Haram and Islamic State in West Africa Province (ISWAP) terrorists on both military and civilian targets.

The terrorists have turned the Maiduguri-Damaturu routes into a death zone. They recently killed the chairman of the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) Michika chapter in Adamawa State, among other atrocities.