

## Army loses two soldiers, kills 12 terrorists in Borno

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THE Nigerian Army on Monday said that as part of renewed efforts to end insurgency in the country, troops of 152 Task Force Battalion (TFB), in conjunction with the Air Component of Operation Hadin Kai, have neutralised 12 Boko Haram and Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) terrorists while attempting to infiltrate the Forward Operational

Base at Bula Yobe in Borno State. It also disclosed the loss of two soldiers during the operation.

This was contained in a statement made available to newsmen in Abuja by the Director of Army Public Relations, Brigadier-General Onyema Nwachukwu.

Nwachukwu said: "The terrorists, who came mounted on gun trucks and several motorcycles, attacked the location via an unsuspected crossing point,

but were met with heavy volume of fire from the vigilant troops."

He said the land troops swiftly and decisively engaged the terrorists, subsequently forcing them to retreat, having lost initiative.

According to the Army spokesperson, the troops captured one gun truck, one self-propelled gun-9, one Dushika gun and one mounted QJC machine gun.

"Other items recovered from the fleeing bandits in-

clude one light machine gun and five AK-47 rifles," the statement added.

He, however, said that during the encounter, two soldiers paid the supreme sacrifice, while five others sustained varying degrees of injury and had been evacuated to a medical facility where they are currently receiving treatment.

He said: "The general area within FOB Bula Yobe is cool, calm and under the control of troops of the battalion."