

27 terrorists killed as ISWAP, Boko Haram clash over attempt to surrender

SCORES of Islamic State's West Africa Province (ISWAP) members and Boko Haram fighters were killed during a deadly clash between the terrorist groups in Northern Abadam, Borno State.

PRNigeria gathered that Boko Haram militants who had planned to surrender came under heavy attack by their angry ISWAP counterparts in Gusuriya community, located in Dumbawa village.

The Boko Haram members were on their way to surrender to the Multinational Joint Task Force (MNJTF) at a border with the Niger Republic on Sunday when they were attacked.

One of the intelligence sources disclosed that ISWAP leadership was rattled by Boko Haram fighters' desertion and placed a death sentence on any fleeing member in the Lake Chad axis.

"The deadly attack was coordinated by one Abba-Kaka, a self-acclaimed ISWAP governor of Tumbumma, Com-

manding Marte, Abadam, Kukawa and Magumeri, leading to a heavy gun battle that lasted for hours which resulted in the killing of over 25 terrorists, including three commanders while many other militants who ran in different directions with their families were left with bullets wounds," the source said.

Another source told PRNigeria that the continued internal rift and the hostility between the two militant groups were exacerbated by the execution of JAS (Boko Haram) fighters for committing a minor offence as well as refusal to appoint them into key positions.

"Some JAS Commanders and their loyalists were already contemplating pitching their tents against the ISWAP by joining forces with the Bakura and Krimima led-JAS factions that have been battling the ISWAP around the axes of Lelewa, Duwa, Wallal and Hauwa Bulumwa villages in the Niger Republic," the source added.