

① Six soldiers killed as terrorists attack military convoy in Taraba ·Explosive device thrown inside army base

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SIX soldiers have been confirmed killed while a Brigadier-General is still missing following an attack on a military convoy on Tuesday in Taraba State.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Usman Abdullahi, confirmed the development to newsmen in Jalingo, the state capital.

Abdullahi told newsmen

that the convoy of the Brigadier-General was attacked between Takum and Tanti village, on the Takum-Jalingo highway.

Abdullahi said: "A Brigadier-General's convoy was attacked yesterday [Tuesday] in Takum, on the Jalingo highway."

"Six soldiers were killed in the attack and the Brigadier-General, as well as other soldiers who were on the convoy, are still missing."

Terrorists suspected to be members of the Islamic State in West Africa Province (ISWAP), also on Tuesday

night, attacked a military base, the Army 6 Brigade in Jalingo, with an explosive device.

A military source who did not want to be identified as he was not authorised to speak on the incident, said the explosive device was thrown into the military base situated on the state House of Assembly-Sabon Gari road by a passerby suspected to be member of (ISWAP) through the fence.

The source said no one was injured or property destroyed as the explosive landed on an empty space.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the incident occurred at about 9:00 p.m., just as the military immediately barricaded the surrounding of the facility.

ISWAP terrorists had claimed responsibility for being behind the recent bomb attacks on a drinking joint in Ardo-Kola Local Government Area of the state, as well as at Nukkai community in Jalingo.

Meanwhile, the Senate on Wednesday mourned the recent killing of over 40 people, including seven soldiers by terrorists in the southern

part of Taraba.

This followed a point of order by Senator Emmanuel Bwacha representing Taraba South in the National Assembly.

Coming under Order 42 of the Senate Standing Orders 2022 as amended, Bwacha drew the attention of the chamber to the incidents of banditry and terrorism that occurred in Southern Taraba on Tuesday.

He noted that the attackers came on motorbikes and killed over 40 people, including soldiers who were mobi-

lised to protect the community.

The lawmaker condoled with military authorities over the loss of its men and officers in the line of duty.

He appealed to the Federal Government to direct the relevant agencies to provide relief materials to the victims of the attack.

The Senate President, Ahmad Lawan, called on Nigerians to support the military by providing the needed motivation and information to enable them tackle the problem of insecurity.

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