

60 feared killed as Boko Haram, ISWAP fighters engage in firefight in Borno — Report

SCORES of fighters belonging to the Jam'at Ahl as-Sunnah lid-Da'wah wa'l-Jihd, better known as Boko Haram, and the Islamic State of West African Province (ISWAP) have been reportedly killed in a fresh infighting in Borno State.

This was disclosed in a

report made public by a counter-insurgency expert and security analyst in Lake Chad, Zagazola Makama, on Saturday.

The report stated that the commanders of the warring groups were killed in the attack where about 60 casualties were recorded on both

sides.

Zagazola claimed that a heavy fight broke out between the two groups at Tumbum Ali Island in Marte LGA at about 2pm.

"Scores of fighters from the Jam'at Ahl as-Sunnah lid-Da'wah wa'l-Jihd, Boko Haram, and the Islamic State

of West African Province, ISWAP, terrorists, including their commanders were killed during an infighting in the North East of Borno State.

"Reports 'indicated that a heavy fight broke out between the two groups at Tumbum Ali Island in Marte LGA at about 1400hours.

"The attack was in retaliation for the massive killing of ISWAP fighters by the Buduma factions that had seized most of their hideouts.

"Intelligence sources told Zagazola Makama, a counter-insurgency expert and security analyst in the Lake

Chad region that six boats belonging to the Bakura Buduma faction and four JAS elements boats, all full with fighters, were destroyed.

"The sources said the casualties on both sides could be more than 60 as the infighting continued," the report read.