Troops kill five fleeing B'Haram members

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Troops arrest four Boko Haram Commanders in Borno

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The troops of the Nigerian Army have killed five Boko Haram members in an ambush in Borno State.

The Acting Director, Army Public Relations, Col. Sani Usman, said in a statement on Sunday that troops from the 81 Battalion, 251 Battalion and the 251 Brigade ambushed the insurgents on Sunday morning while they were attempting to escape from the Sambisa Forest to Fulawani Village.

He said that the terrorists who were ambushed by the troops were trying to link up with their families when they ran into a soldiers' ambush.

Usman said that the troops killed five of the insurgents who were escaping intense military bombardment of the Sambisa Forest

on bikes toward Alagarno and recovered some items from them.

According to him, the troops recovered 'five motorcycles, nine bicycles, 80 new pairs of bathroom slippers, assorted laundry items, polythene bags and mats' from the insurgents.

Usman said that a group of women and children numbering 26 who were intercepted by troops on Saturday had been found to be relocating from the Sambisa Forest to a new safe haven to avoid military action contrary to their claim that they escaped from the insurgents at the Sambisa Forest.

He said, "At the early hours of today, Sunday, 24th April 2016, troops of 81 Battalion and some elements of 251 Task Force Battalion, 25 Brigade, ambushed suspected Boko Haram terrorists escaping from Sambisa Forest to Fulawani village."