Sources say there have been deadly skirmishes between Boko Haram's factions led by Abubakar Shekau and IS-backed Abu Musab al-Barnawi respectively.

Sources in North-East now say there have been deadly skirmishes between the two factions, even as Nigeria's military seeks to finally rout the rebels in a sustained counter-offensive.

Last Thursday, several fighters from Shekau's camp were said to have been killed in two separate gun battles with IS-backed Barnawi gunmen in the Monguno area of Borno State near Lake Chad.