

15 insurgents, two soldiers killed in Boko Haram attack

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The troops of the Nigerian Army and their counterparts from the Multinational Joint Task Force have killed 15 Boko Haram members during a gun battle with the insurgents in Borno State.

The Acting Director, Army Public Relations, Col. Sani Usman, in a statement on Thursday night that the troops lost two men and that four others were wounded in the attack, which took place at Abadam.

He said that the bodies of the deceased soldiers and those injured had been evacuated from the battle front.

Usman said that the troops killed the insurgents while repelling an attack on their location by Boko Haram on Thursday.

He said that several other members of the sect escaped with gunshot wounds in the attack that lasted over two hours.

According to him, the troops recovered some weapons and ammunition from the insurgents, which included "a gun truck, a 60mm mortar tube, seven 60mm mortar bombs, a General Purpose Machine gun, three damaged AK 47 rifles, and four bandoliers of anti-aircraft rounds of ammunition.

He said, "Troops of Operation Lafiya Dole Task Force Battle Group and Multinational Joint Task Force presently in Abadam

village dealt decisively with elements of Boko Haram that attempted to attack their location.

"The attack, which was launched by the terrorist group at about 6.30 am on Thursday, September 22,2016 lasted about two hours.

"During the battle, the troops killed 15 of the insurgents, with many escaping with gunshot wounds.

"Sadly, two soldiers paid the supreme price while four others were wounded in action. The bodies of our late colleagues and the wounded have since been evacuated."