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Three soldiers, 41 B'Haram fighters killed in Borno — Army

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Three soldiers of the *Operation Lafiya Dole* and 41 Boko Haram members died on Wednesday in a gun battle between the troops and the insurgents in the Damboa Local Government Area of Borno State.

Our correspondent learnt that troops of 25 Task Force Brigade, 7 Division, Nigerian Army, embarked on a clearance operation at Dulsa and Buk areas, when there was a gun battle between the insurgents and the troops.

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Six Boko Haram members were reportedly killed in Dulsa and 35 were shot dead in Buk by the troops.

It was gathered that apart from the three soldiers killed by the Boko Haram, five others were seriously injured in

The Director, Army Public Relations, Brig. Gen. Sani Usman, who confirmed the casualty figure, said the troops mounted with an anti-aircraft gun and two Hilux vehicles, among other items from the fleeing terrorists.

He said, "At Dulsa on Wednesday morning, the troops cleared the hideout of the terrorists during which terrorists. They recovered one Light Machine Gun, two Rocket Propelled Grenade Tubes and one Extra Anti-Airc

"The troops also encountered Boko Haram terrorists camp at Buk where they were engaged by the terrorists troops killed 35 of the Boko Haram terrorists and injured several others.

"The items recovered include nine AK-47 rifles, three Fabrique Nationale rifles, two Rocket Propelled Grenade Tubes, one Gun truck mounted with Anti-Aircraft Gun and two Hilux vehicles.

"Unfortunately however, three soldiers paid the supreme price, while five others were wounded in action. The bodies of the late soldiers and those that sustained injuries have since been evacuated. The wounded soldiers are in stable condition."

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