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Three soldiers attached to the 82 Division Task Force Battalion of the Nigerian Army have reportedly died after troops ran into an Improvised Explosive Device planted by Boko Haram insurgents.

Our correspondent gathered that the troops were on patrol along the Ngoshe-Pulka Road in Borno State when the IED exploded, killing the three soldiers and injuring two others.

It was learnt that during the patrol, some Boko Haram terrorists, who reportedly came in scores, were also killed when they engaged troops in a gun battle.

The Director, Army Public Relations, Brig.-Gen. Sani Usman, could not yet be reached for comment.

Usman had said in a statement on Tuesday that troops of the 82 Division Task Force Battalion attached to 26 Task Force Brigade carried out clearance operations in some villages.

“They intercepted a Boko Haram terrorist, said to be a logistics supplier, at a crossing point around Daushe village,” he added.

Also, the army spokesperson confirmed a clash between troops and Boko Haram insurgents in Dissa and Patawe areas, adding that six insurgents were shot dead.

He said troops recovered AK 47 rifles, nine rounds of ammunition and 22 rounds of NATO ammunition.

Military sources said on Thursday that the insurgents, who clashed with troops along Ngoshe and Pulka route, allegedly carted away four AK 47 rifles and one gun truck, among other weapons from the troops.