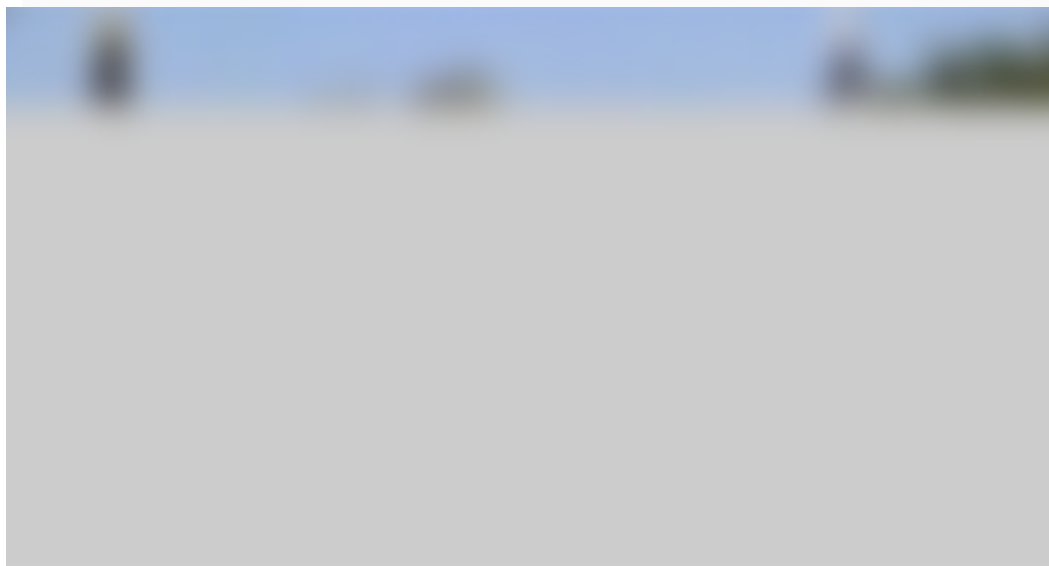


Boko Haram: Terrorists return to Sambisa, troops kill seven

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Boko Haram (File photo)

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A large gathering of the Boko Haram terrorists have been sighted in the Sambisa Forest, Borno State, with troops of the Nigerian Army killing seven of them in their latest encounter, while scores escaped with gunshot injuries.

The troops also recovered 11 gun trucks, 12 Hilux vehicles, two double-barrelled rifles and 30 bicycles abandoned by the fleeing terrorists.

The military said a workshop used by the insurgents for making Improvised Explosive Device was also sighted and destroyed.

According to the army, the joint operation with the air force on Friday in the Sambisa area also left two soldiers injured after the gun battle.

The Director, Army Public Relations, Brig Gen Sani Usman, said residents of Borno, Adamawa and Yobe states should be on the lookout for the fleeing Boko Haram terrorists.

Usman noted that any suspected terrorist seen with gun injuries should be reported at the nearest military location or police station.

He said, “Troops of Operation Lafiya Dole involved in Operation Deep Punch II dealt decisively with some remnants of the Boko Haram terrorists hibernating in the Sambisa Forest.”

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