

Okoro Ohowukwe, Ndubulizi
Owuabueze and Ibeleji
Chidinma.

In a statement, the Public

numbering about 10 suddenly
came out of the forest and
forcefully stopped the vehicle."

The PPRO said the hoodlums'

Boko Haram factions fight over money, several fighters slain

Tunde Ajaja with Agency
report

A factional leader of the
dreaded Islamic State
West Africa Province,
Umar Leni, has fled
to Mali, after a bloody
showdown over the sharing of
money with two other factions.

AFP reported on Friday that
the fight broke out in the village
of Blantougou in Niger Republic
before spilling over the border into
Nigeria.

Scores of the fighters were
reportedly killed in the gun battle on
July 26, exposing divisions inside

ISWAP, three sources with deep
knowledge of the faction's internal
workings said.

The disagreement was said to
have centred on sharing income
mainly generated by taxing cattle
herders and fishermen in areas the
jihadists control around Lake Chad,
said the sources, who asked not to
be identified for safety reasons.

Leni was the tax chief and he
reportedly escaped with the money.

One of the sources said, "There
was heavy fighting between the
three factions which left scores
from all sides killed. They could not
agree on a sharing formula after six
days of disagreement, resorted to
fighting."

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