

B'Haram attacks army base, four insurgents killed

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Some Boko Haram insurgents on Thursday attacked a Special Response Area of the Nigerian Army's location in Pulka, Borno State, during which four of them were shot dead.

Three of the insurgents were killed along the Banki Road in Pulka during an ambush by the troops while one terrorist was neutralised later at night when the Boko Haram attempted to take over the base.

The army which confirmed the attack on the location on Friday said that it recovered three AK-47 rifles from the terrorists and two motorcycles.

The military noted that an unconfirmed number of terrorists were reportedly injured during the encounter.

The Deputy Director, Army Public Relations and 7 Division's Spokesman, Col Ado Isa, in a release said, "Following credible information about terrorists' movement along Banki Road Junction, Pulka in the Gwoza general area, troops of Special Response Area, Pulka, under the Nigerian Army Super Camp Gwoza, in collaboration with Civilian Joint Task Force conducted an ambush.

"It resulted in the neutralisation of three terrorists, recovery of two AK-47 rifles, two motorcycles and two bicycles. Similarly, at about 11pm, in what seems like a reprisal to avenge the loss of their members, the criminals attacked the Delta Company Location of the SRA at Pulka.

"Consequently, troops responded by repelling the attack. One bandit lost his life and one AK-47 rifle was recovered. No casualty was recorded by the troops. The Acting General Officer Commanding, 7 Division, and Commander, Sector 1,

Operation Lafiya Dole, Brig Gen A.K Ibrahim, was in Pulka where he interacted with the troops, commended them for

the successes so far and urged them to remain committed and unwavering in the struggle to end the insurgency soon."

Africa, which was elevated the level of heads of state countries.

A statement issued on by the Senior Special Assistant to the President (Media and Publicity), Garba Shehu, said the agreement was reached during a meeting co-chaired by President Muhammadu Buhari and President Cyril Ramaphosa of South Africa.

Shehu said this was the first time both Presidents would preside since the elevation of the Bi-National Commission.

He said, "The decision was taken to encourage more people-to-people contacts among citizens of both countries and further strengthen socio-cultural, economic and political relations.

"At the meeting held at the Union Buildings, Presidential Palace of South Africa, the two presidents agreed on early warning signals to nip violence in the bud before it escalates, while taking into consideration the need to share more intelligence and promote stronger partnership in security.

"Both countries also agreed to re-establish the consular forum, which is a structured arrangement where both

urged Nigerians living in South Africa not to forget home.

He described as embarrassing the recent xenophobic attacks on Nigerians and foreigners by South Africans, urging Nigerians in the Diaspora to always remember their country with skills, resources and talents.

President Buhari also called on Nigerians to be law-abiding and respect the authorities of other countries, saying "the few that sometimes give us a bad name should desist from such misdemeanours and be our good ambassadors."

Members of the Nigerian community thanked the President for the visit, assuring him that they would be more careful of their dealings within the country and work towards harmony at all times.

The leaders of the various Nigerian communities in South Africa, led by Ben Okoli, commended Chief Allen Onyema (Air Peace CEO), for freely evacuating Nigerians in South Africa during the recent xenophobic attacks.