

Soldiers repel insurgents on Sokoto, suffer casualties

Also troops of Operation Hadarin Daji in conjunction with other security agencies repelled an attack on the Forward Operation Base at Burkusuma in Sabon Birni Local Government Area of Sokoto State by suspected Islamic States for West African Province terrorists and bandits.

The incident was said to have happened in the early hours of Sunday. According to a statement by the Director of Defence Information, Major General Benjamin Sawyerr, the main troops were out conducting offensive operations when the bandits and terrorists struck, but a quick reinforcement helped repelled the attack.

He noted that scores of the attackers were killed and several injured, adding that the troops went after others who fled to Niger Republic.

He said the attackers used telecommunication network provided from neighbouring country.

He, however, confirmed that there were some casualties recorded on the part of Nigerian troops during the encounter.