

Insurgents attack Borno town, kill policemen, soldier abduct travellers

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Two riot policemen and a soldier have been killed by ISWAP terrorists in Malam-fatori, Borno State while conducting clearance operation.

The security team was conducting the operation in preparation for the return of IDPs and refugees to the town in December, just as the insurgents abducted five passengers along Maiduguri-Damaturu Road to intensify their terror attacks on Borno communities.

According to a police source, the terrorists attacked Malam-fatori town with trucks mounted with anti-air craft guns and motorcycles in the early hours of Wednesday while the troops were conducting the clearance operation in the town.

A police source told our correspondent that the team comprising the riot police, Civilian Joint Task Force, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, Department of State Services and soldiers, repelled the terrorists attack.

He added, "But two riot policemen and one soldier were killed in the gun fight on Wednesday. Seven bombs believed to have been planted by the insurgents were diffused.

“The governor came to the town by chopper after the attack and held meeting with the troops.”

Meanwhile, five passengers were kidnapped along Maiduguri-Damaturu Road by Boko Haram insurgents who were dressed in military uniforms and mounted roadblock along the highway on Tuesday around 3pm.

The travellers were reportedly kidnapped from three commercial vehicles in Tam Sukai town in the Kaga Local Government Area, a community bordering Yobe State.

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Speaking on the telephone, a resident, Audu Usman, said, “The Boko Haram insurgents were dressed in military uniforms and mounted a roadblock at the outskirts of our village. We saw them but thought they were troops of the Nigerian army until they stopped three vehicles and took them into the bush. The whole thing did not last for more than five minutes.”

However, troops of the Nigerian army have recovered three corpses of ISWAP fighters who were killed in the early hours of Wednesday.

Military sources said the insurgents attempted to infiltrate Maiduguri through Molai, an outskirts town within the state capital when they were engaged in gun battle.

One of the sources at the Forward Operating Base, Molai, said, “One pump action rifle, two AK-47 riffles and hand grenades were also recovered from the terrorists.”