

B'Haram kills five soldiers, burns military trucks in Borno attack

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BOKO HARAM/Islamic State's West Africa Province terrorists have attacked troops at the Gubio Local Government area of Borno State, killing five.

Military to protect northern farmers during harvest

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THE 6 Brigade Nigerian Army, Sector 3 Operation Whirl Stroke has promised to provide security for farmers in Taraba and neighbouring states in the North to harvest their crops without fears of attacks by bandits.

This was the military said it apprehended a 73-year-old suspected bandit informant, Alhaji Buba Maru, in the Bakin Dutse, Ardo-Kola Local Government Area of Taraba

Also, 10 soldiers were wounded and four are missing in action.

The troops, during the attack, also killed many of the terrorists.

In a statement on Tuesday, the Defence Headquarters confirmed the incident.

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The acting Assistant Director, 6 Brigade Army Public Relations, Captain Olubodunde Oni, disclosed this on Tuesday in a statement released in Jalingo.

According to the statement, the arrest followed the launch of a clearance operation aimed at dismantling criminal hideouts across the state, ensuring safety during the ongoing harvest season and ahead of the Yuletide.

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The Director, Defence Media Operations, Maj. Gen. Edward Buba, said the attack would not discourage the troops in the counter-terrorism operations in the state and beyond.

He said, "The coordinated attack saw five killed in action soldiers, 10 wounded, and four missing in action, while troops eliminated several terrorists as well as recovered weapons.

"Some equipment, including one gun truck, three TCVs, and an excavator, were burnt by the enemy forces.

"A reinforcement team with air components was dispatched to exploit the general area and the terrorists' withdrawal route.

"However, it is pertinent to note that such an attack shall not deter the troops and armed forces of Nigeria from seeing the end of terrorism, insurgency, and other insecurity challenges facing the country."