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## Buratai orders investigation into killing of 2 soldiers by 'accidental discharge' in Bama

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**THE** Nigerian Army headquarters in Abuja has ordered an investigation into the killing of two of its soldiers on counter-insurgency operations in Gwoza, Borno State, by a fellow serviceman.

The soldiers, from 192 Battalion, were said to have been killed during an in-theatre training from friendly/unintentional fire, aka 'accidental discharge,' by a colleague.

The chief of army staff, Lt. Gen. Tukur Buratai, has ordered that a board of inquiry be set up to unravel the circumstances of the soldiers' death.

The news of the death of the soldiers was made known on the Twitter handle, @HQNigerianArmy, and the Facebook page of the Nigerian Army on Thursday.

The names of the deceased soldiers were, however, not mentioned in the report. The army said it was to enable it make contact with the deceaseds' families before making their names public.

The report, titled "Accidental discharge kills two soldiers," said: "We deeply regret to announce the death of two soldiers of 192 Battalion who lost their lives as a result of an accidental discharge during in-theatre training today.

"To this end, the Chief of Army Staff, Lt-Gen. Tukur Buratai, has directed the commander, 26 Brigade, Gwoza, to immediately constitute a board of inquiry to unravel the circumstances that led to this unfortunate situation."

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