

## Troops

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**THE** Nigerian military has said its troops repelled Boko Haram attacks on its base in the Lake Chad area in northern Borno at the weekend.

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town of Gudumbali, Guzamala Local Government Area, along the Nigeria-Chad border last Friday.

Some of the insurgents were killed in the counter-offensive and a soldier also died in the attack on the base, the second in recent time.

Spokesman for Operation Lafiya Dole, Col. Nwachukwu, in a statement, said the insurgents disguised as a humanitarian assistance team

before they opened fire on troops' location.

"Troops of Operation Lafiya Dole located at Gudumbali in northern Borno State, repelled an infiltration by suspected Boko Haram terrorists that came disguised as humanitarian assistance team," he said.

He explained that the insurgents took advantage of the ongoing distribution of relief materials at Gu-

dumbali to attack the base. The attack was followed by "rapid fire from other terrorists in gun trucks along Gudumbali-Kukawa axis."

He said a soldier was killed and another wounded in the attack. The military Cobra armoured personnel carrier and a truck were damaged, according to the spokesman.

"The troops have recovered bod-

ies of some of the neutralised terrorists, large quantity of ammunition and eight rocket-propelled grenades charges," he said.

Boko Haram attacked the base late October, weeks before the Metele attack. The attack was barely three months after nearly 10,000 displaced persons returned to Guzamala in June to commence farming.