

Troops kill 15 insurgents, lose 1 soldier in Borno

THE Nigerian Army troops of 242 battalion in conjunction with their Sector 2 Multinational Joint Task Force (MN-JTF) and Chadian Defence Forces (CDF) have killed no fewer than 15 Boko Haram terrorists in Borno during a fierce gun battle in which a soldier paid the supreme price and others wounded.

The Nigerian Army Operations Media Coordinator, Col. Aminu Iliyasu, disclosed this in a statement on Friday in Abuja. Iliyasu said that the troops encountered the terrorists in an ambush at Jigalta Village on Thursday around Marari, 27 kilometers from Monguno in Borno while on a joint clearance operation.

He said that the criminals laid an ambush with five gun trucks and unconfirmed number of insurgents. According to him, 15 of the Boko Haram insurgents were killed while few of them escaped with gunshot wounds.

"In addition, two gun trucks were destroyed while another two were captured.

Also, four Dushka anti-aircraft guns, 9 AK 47 rifles and a sizeable cache of ammunition were captured by the gallant troops. Unfortunately, one soldier paid the supreme sacrifice during the cross fire that ensued while a Chadian soldier was also wounded in action," he said.

Iliyasu said that the Commander of Sector 3 Operation LAFTYA DOLE/MNJTF, Maj.-Gen. Abdulmalik Biu, in company of other sector commanders visited the troops at the location of the encounter.

According to him, Biu commended the efforts of the troops and conveyed the Chief of Army Staff, Lt.-Gen. Tukur Buratai's appreciation and commendation as well as the Force Commander MN-JTF Maj.-Gen. Chikezie Ude's words of encouragement to the troops.