

# Troops injured, ISWAP fighters killed in 'deadly battle' at Kukawa, Gudumbali

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(FILES) This picture taken on April 30, 2013 shows Nigerian troops patrolling in the streets of the remote northeast town of Baga, Borno State. Nigeria's military said on May 16, 2013 that it was ready to launch air strikes against Boko Haram Islamists as several thousand troops moved to the remote northeast to retake territory seized by the insurgents. A force of "several thousand" soldiers along with fighter jets and helicopter gunships have been deployed for the offensive in Borno, Yobe and Adamawa state, he added. AFP PHOTO/PIUS UTOMI EKPEIPIUS UTOMI EKPEI/AFP/Getty Images

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**Some soldiers of the Nigerian military were feared 'critically' injured when terrorists belonging to the Islamic State of West Africa Province (ISWAP) sect, yesterday, ambushed their convoy in the North East.**

PRNigeria gathered that the Nigerian troops and their civilian Joint Task Force (CJTF) counterparts were heading for Kukawa town from Kauwa settlement in Borno State for a raid operation.

The troops, however, repelled the attack at Kukawa and Gudumbali axis by 'gallantly' engaging the terrorists.

Scores of the ISWAP elements, PRNigeria was told by credible intelligence sources, met their waterloo, as they were eliminated during the ensuing gun battle with the troops.

«The troops, together with unspecified numbers of CJTF were on patrol when the ISWAP insurgents launched an attack on their convoy of seven vehicles,» one of the sources, who pleaded anonymity, said.

“Though many terrorists were killed, some soldiers were unfortunately grievously wounded during the bloody combat.”

The source, equally said that though three civilian JTF members were declared missing, troops have since launched a search and rescue operation to free the missing CJTF vigilantes.

Meanwhile, a similar attack on Friday by Boko Haram terrorists at Kukareta along Maiduguri-Damaturu Road was successfully repelled by troops.

PRNigeria, however, could not confirm whether soldiers were killed during the attack.

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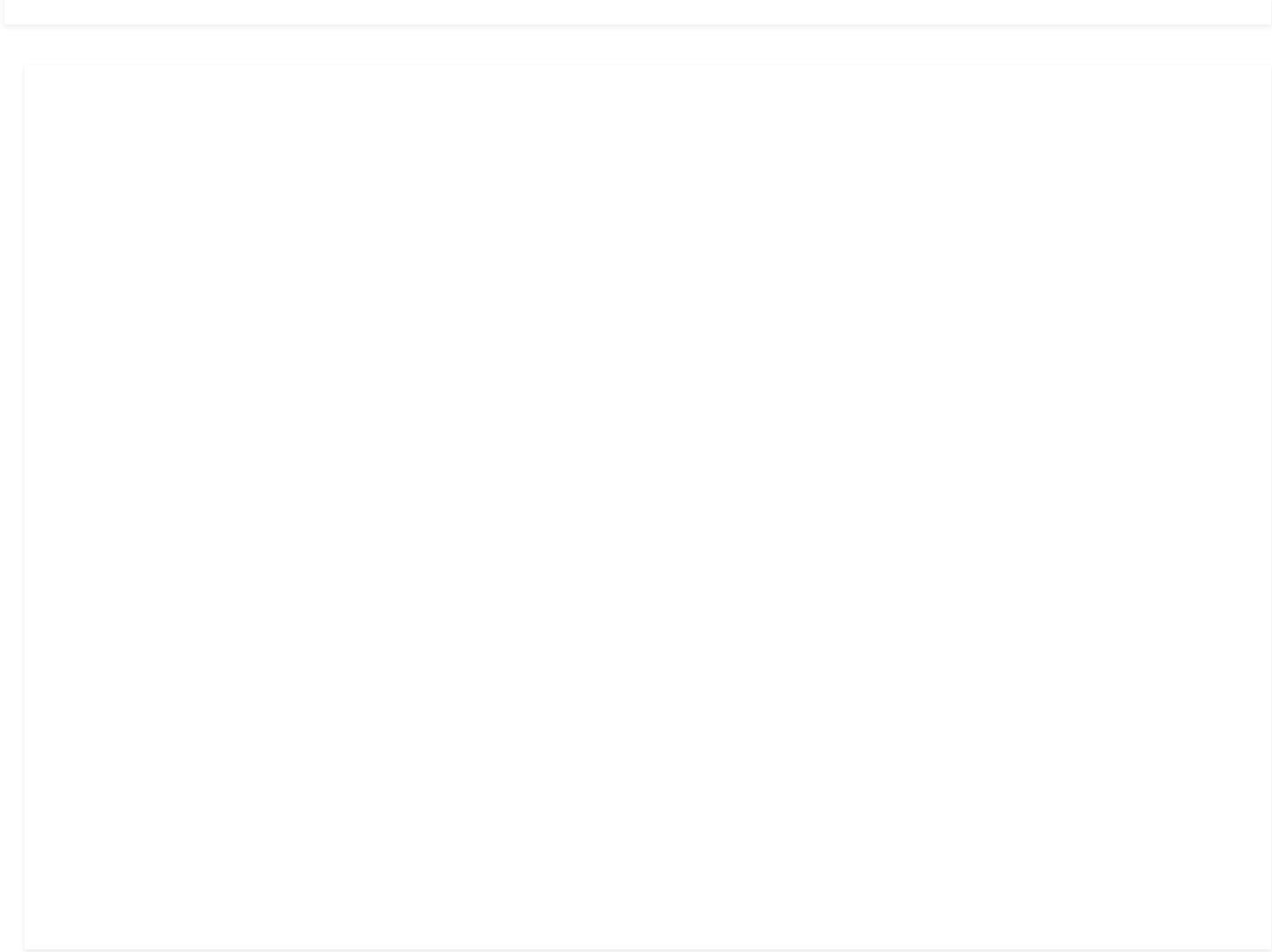
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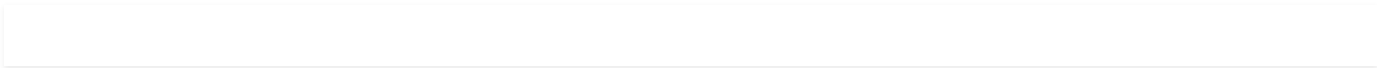
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