

Army: Troops kill 12 Boko Haram fighters, lost two officers

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Troops of Operation Lafiya Dole, on Saturday, ambushed and killed no fewer than 12 suspected Boko Haram insurgents along Miyanti-Banki Junction in Borno State. Director of Army Public Relations (DAPR), Brigadier-General Sani Usman, who disclosed this in a statement, said two soldiers died, while four others sustained varied degrees of injuries in another encounter troops of 81 Task Force Battalion had with insurgents. According to Usman, the soldiers lost their lives when their operational vehicle stepped on a buried Improvised Explosive Device (IED) along the Dukje- Mada Road.

He, however, stated that an undisclosed number of the terrorist elements were also killed during the fierce encounter. The DAPR said: “On Saturday 5th August 2017, troops of 151 Battalion, 21 Brigade Nigerian Army, Operation Lafiya Dole, sprang an ambush on suspected Boko Haram terrorists along Miyanti-Banki Junction.

“The gallant troops neutralised 12 Boko Haram terrorists and recovered 18 bicycles, 30 bags of flour, a bag of groundnut, two bags of salt, two baskets of kola nut and five torch lights. “Other items recovered include a carton of mixed juice sachets, four rolls of brocade material, two packets of sweet, a carton of washing soap, five packets of cold patch, two packet of maggi cubes, two pairs of bathroom slippers, two packets of yeasts, four packets of vedan seasoning, two rolls of sewing thread, four kegs of herbicide, 14 packets of insecticide, a keg of groundnut oil, a bag of pepper and N4,000 cash.”

He further noted that the corpses of the dead soldiers had been evacuated to the morgue of a hospital in Maiduguri, the Borno State capital, as well as the wounded in the second encounter for proper medical attention.