

# Army: Troops kill several terrorists in Borno



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Nigerian Army yesterday said many suspected Islamic State in West Africa Province (ISWAP) fighters were killed by the newly-established Special Forces Command of Operation Lafiya Dole in Borno State. The Director of Army Public Relations (DAPR), Brig-Gen. Sani Usman, who made the disclosure in a statement, said the troops recorded the feat in the course of ongoing clearance operation which was being undertaken in synergy with the Air Task Force, as well as a Nigerian Navy's Special Forces. Usman, however, regretted the loss of an officer, and a soldier during the encounter, which also left five others with varying degrees of injury.

He said: "In the determined efforts to wipe out remnants of Boko Haram terrorists that now go by the appellation of Islamic State of West Africa Province (ISWAP), the gallant troops of the newly formed Nigerian Army Special Forces Command (NASFC), Operation Lafiya Dole, have given the terrorists that attacked troops' location in Baga a bloody nose.

"The triumphant troops, particularly the highly revered 707 Special Forces Brigade, which is the vanguard of the great exploit, dealt the decisive blow that neutralised several terrorists along that axis despite prior warning to them by some unpatriotic elements." According to him, the clearance operations, which commenced on December 28, 2018, swept through Zare, Gudumbali, Kukawa and Cross Kauwa in Borno State. He said: "The Special Forces commenced clearance operations on 28th December 2018, where they cleared Zare, Gudumbali, Kukawa and Cross Kauwa without any resistance from suspected terrorists.

"However, at Cross Kauwa, the unfortunate ISWAP terrorists made a costly mistake of raising their ugly heads. In professional fashion, the troops exploited the situation to instantly and decisively neutralise the insurgents and captured some equipment. "Though some of the terrorists attempted to infiltrate troops' camp at Monguno, the gallant troops lured them and neutralised many of them and recovered some arms and ammunition. "The troops, who are in high spirit, had since linked up with other forces in Baga where they cleared the Naval Base and the surrounding areas." While lamenting the death of the officer and soldier, the DAPR said the fighting troops had continued to consolidate on the gains recorded. He said: "Unfortunately, in the process, the Forces lost one officer and a soldier, while five other soldiers sustained