

# B'Haram overrun Borno military base, kill 5 soldiers

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**B**oko Haram fighters have reportedly attacked a military base in Rann in the Kalabale Local Government Area of Borno State, killing five soldiers and injuring six others.

The group reportedly carted away three gun trucks after overrunning the base.

This came after insurgents attacked a military base in the Marte Local Government Area, killing at least seven soldiers.

According to sources, the attack in Rann occurred in the early hours of yesterday.

A resident, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the hoodlums

overran the military outpost, causing the troops to retreat.

He said: "Five soldiers were confirmed dead, with six others injured.

"They also snatched three gun trucks before leaving the base."

In Marte on Monday, Boko Haram/Islamic State of West Africa Province (ISWAP) fighters raided a Forward Operating Base of the 153 Battalion, killing soldiers.

According to sources, they also seized gun trucks, motorbikes, and weapons from the armoury.

As of the filing in this report, the military had yet to make any statements on the attacks.

Meanwhile, the Borno State Governor, Professor Babagana Zulum, had condemned the recent spate of attacks by Boko Haram and ISWAP

terrorists in various parts of the state.

Recently, the insurgents launched attacks on the Maiduguri-Damboa Road, Marte, Chibok, Gwoza, Kala Balge, among other communities.

Zulum also expressed his heartfelt sympathy to the families of all victims, including those affected by the tragic explosion of an improvised explosive device (IED) along the Maiduguri-Damboa Road.

The explosion, which occurred on May 12, claimed the lives of two staff members of the Damboa Local Education Authority who were on their way to Maiduguri to sit for the Teachers Registration Council of Nigeria (TRCN) examination.

In a statement by his spokesperson, Dauda Iliya, the governor reaffirmed the state government's

unwavering commitment to working closely with the Federal Government, military and other security agencies to contain the security challenges.

He extended his thoughts and prayers to the families of the fallen troops, innocent civilians, and all citizens of Borno State during this difficult period.

Governor Zulum said: "These acts of terror are deeply condemnable. The recent tragic loss of our education workers, gallant troops, and innocent civilians is a painful reminder of the challenges we continue to face.

"I am more determined than ever to support the military, security agencies, and our volunteer forces in the fight to end terrorism and insurgency in our state."