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## 15 terrorists killed as ISWAP attempted another Marte takeover

**A**t least, 15 dead bodies of suspected Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) terrorists were hastily evacuated by their comrades after a failed midnight assault on New Marte in Borno State.



Soldiers

Zagazola Makama gathered from reliable sources that the insurgents, on 20 motorcycles had launched a coordinated attack on soldiers in New Marte around 1:35 a.m. yesterday.

They arrived on motorcycles and with a Vehicle-Borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED), apparently aimed at breaching the battalion's defences.

However, the combined firepower of Nigerian troops under Operation Hadin Kai, supported by the Nigerian Air Force Air Component, overwhelmed the attackers.

The VBIED brought by the

terrorist, meant to cause maximum damage, was abandoned

as they fled under sustained fire and aerial bombardment.

## Kidnappers demand N15m ransom from families of 3 Deeper Life members

**Babatope Okeowo,**  
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**S**uspected kidnappers of three members of the Deeper Christian Life Ministry have demanded #15 million ransom for the release of their hostages representing #5 million for each of the victims.

The members of the Deeper Christian Life Ministry were ab-

The suspected kidnappers have demanded N5 million as ransom from each of the family members.

Members of the church are seeking divine intervention to secure the release of their members.

Already, the case has been reported to the police and Amotekun Corps in the state.

The Ondo State Police Command confirmed the abduction of the Deeper Life Church members in Ogbese, Akure North Local Government Area of the state.