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## Soldiers kill 37 Boko Haram suspects in Borno

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MAIDUGURI— Military troops of the 7 Division, Nigerian Army, launched an attack on *Boko Haram* camp located in Alagarno village of Borno State, killing no fewer than 37 suspected terrorists, while several others fled with gunshot wounds.

The troops also recovered several arms and ammunition, destroyed three Hilux vehicles and motorcycles belonging to the insurgents.



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Residents of the village scampered for safety while the coordinated ground and air assault lasted. No civilian was hurt during the three-hour operation.

The spokesman of the Division, Captain Aliyu Danja, said in a statement in Maiduguri: “Based on available intelligence, troops of the 7 Division, Nigerian Army launched an attack on terrorists camp in Alagarno.

“The operation, which commenced Monday, involved a coordinated ground and air assault by our troops in conjunction with 79 Composite Group, Nigerian Air Force, Maiduguri, destroyed the terrorist’s camp.

“A total of 37 terrorists were killed, while several others fled with gunshot wounds.”

### **Sunday’s attack**

Danja also confirmed last Sunday’s *Boko Haram* attacks on motorists and passengers in Logomari villages of Gamboru-Ngala-Dikwa council areas of the state, but denied that 20 people were killed.

He said that only four civilians were killed and two injured.

He said: “In the early hours of Sunday, *Boko Haram* terrorists, numbering over 50 and armed with AK-47 rifles, and rocket-propelled launchers, blocked roads at Gamboru-Ngala-Dikwa in Logomari village, killing four civilians with two injured.”

He added that the terrorists also set four civilian trucks loaded with provisions ablaze before they attacked members of the vigilante youth, who were on their way from a funeral. He said three of the vigilantes were killed.

He said the youths that escaped reinforced, pursued the terrorists and destroyed their hideout, killing several terrorists, while others escaped.

Danja noted that troops of the 7 Division were conducting aggressive patrols in the area to trace and destroy *Boko Haram* elements.