

# Saturday NEWS

## B'Haram/Military clash claims over 25 lives in Borno

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**N**O fewer than 25 people suspected to be members of Boko Haram terrorists have been killed yesterday in a clash with troops of the 7 Division, Nigerian Army at Ngauramari village of Bama Local Government Area of Borno state.

Ngauramari is a small farming community along the Maiduguri-Bama-Firgi-Gwoza Federal highway which had witnessed series of attacks and killing of over 20 motorists and passengers this week by suspected Boko Haram members.

Saturday Vanguard gathered that the incident took place at about 8am on Thursday when the terrorists who were trying to cross the road from their camps/hideouts in the Sambisa Forest clashed with military troops which led to the exchange of gunfire, a situation that led to the death of three terrorists at the spot. Subsequently, those who fled through the riverine areas were

later killed by aerial bombardment and air strikes.

Sources said that during the encounter with the military troops, all roads leading to the area were closed for over three hours in order to avoid civilian casualties, particularly motorists and their passengers who were plying the road as at the time of the air strikes.

A commercial driver, Ali Wando who came from Gwoza into Maiduguri told our correspondent, "I saw three corpses by the roadside at Ngauramari which were dismembered by the rocket launcher fired at them by the military.

"Several other bodies were lying further in the bush but I did not go to count the bodies because I was afraid as I believed some of the insurgents might be in hiding in the bush".

Another commercial driver who did not want his name mentioned in print for security reason said, "soon after the military killed the terrorists in Ngauramari,

the Nigerian Airforce fighter jet located more suspected terrorists around the Bama-Firgi-Gwoza river bank attempting to cross the river before the airforce fighter jet dropped some bombs on them killing many of them".

When contacted on phone, the Spokesman of the 7 Division, Nigerian Army, Colonel Mohammed Dole sent a text message to our Correspondent saying,

"I am coming up with statement on the incident very soon, thanks", but after waiting for several hours, there was no response from him.



Ogun State Governor, Senator Ibikunle Amosun (middle) with conveners of the Local Government Consultative/Advisory Council for the 20 Local Government Areas in the state after the governor inaugurated the council in Abeokuta on Thursday.

## NSCDC parades native doctor, teacher, others for child trafficking

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**N**O fewer than four persons were yesterday paraded by men of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, NSCDC, Ebonyi State over their

alleged involvement in child trafficking.

Briefing newsmen at the Command Headquarters, the Commandant of NSCDC in the state, Mrs. Ego Echendu revealed that the prompt arrest of the suspects on Thursday in Izzi LGA by the Arm squad and Anti-Human

would be transferred to the agency responsible for such matters.

"Yesterday, we were able to arrest some suspects we have been trailing and monitoring for about one month now who are involved in child trafficking; we have some of them now in our

not the first baby she had sold. The other suspect is a buyer and we don't know how many times she must have done that. We had to strike yesterday following the information that reached us yesterday.

"The buyer was about to move to Abuja to another set of people for higher amount. The information we got was that the baby