

Military kills over 30 Boko Haram insurgents, loses 7 soldiers in Borno

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SEVEN Nigerian Soldiers were killed and over 30 Boko Haram terrorists were sent to the great beyond in a bloody clash in Borno yesterday.

Saturday Vanguard gathered that the terrorists were armed by AA weapons and rocket propelled grenades with which the havoc was created during the ambush.

Spokesman of 7th Division, Nigerian Army, Lt. Col Kingsley Samuel confirmed the death of the seven soldiers even as he said 19 soldiers injured have been evacuated to hospital.

The statement he issued reads, "Troops of Operation Lafiya Dole gallantly fought their way through Boko Haram Terrorists ambush along Ajiri-Dikwa road, Borno State.

"The troops affected encountered the ambush while conducting routine rotation of troops last night.

"The gallant troops fought their way through, killing many of the terrorists.

"Unfortunately 7 soldiers paid the supreme price in the incident while 19 soldiers sustained various degree of injuries.

"The soldiers who sustained injuries during the fierce encounter have been evacuated and are currently receiving treatment at Military hospital in Maiduguri.

"The troops recovered an AK-47 rifle and ammunitions from the insurgents.

"Additional troops have been mobilized and are still on aggressive pursuit of the fleeing Boko Haram terrorists."

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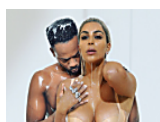
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