Soldier killed, two others missing as troops battle Boko Haram terrorists

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ABUJA—One soldier was killed and two others declared missing in action during a fierce encounter between troops of *Operation Lafiya Dole* and Boko Haram terrorists at Gwari and Ganye villages of Borno State, where a <u>senior Army officer</u> and 13 other soldiers were wounded.

The incident which also saw two terrorists killed by the troops, occurred when the troops were advancing towards Sa'ada village in their heightened efforts to clear the remnants of Boko Haram terrorists in some locations within the area.

The wounded soldiers, according to Army authorities, were in stable condition, while concerted effort was ongoing to recover the two others missing in action.



Troops

Army spokesman, <u>Brigadier</u> General Sani Usman, in a statement, said the troops, while advancing towards the area, met heavy <u>presence</u> of Boko Haram terrorist in the area.

"They, however, engaged them and destroyed the terrorists' makeshift camps at Gwari and Ganye villages. The troops had to withdraw to Forward Operation Base at

Kerenoa. Unfortunately, one soldier paid the supreme price, two others were missing in action, while an officer and 13 soldiers were wounded in action. The wounded are in stable condition, while concerted effort is ongoing to recover the two missing in action soldiers."

He said to "sustain the tempo of the clearance operations of the remnants of Boko Haram terrorists hiding in remote areas and some villages, troops of *Operation Lafiya Dole*, have been carrying out ambushes, raids, <u>cordon</u> and search operations in the theatre and northeast generally."