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## Boko Haram terrorists kill soldiers in ambush in Yobe

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**ABUJA**— THE Nigerian Army has, again, suffered casualties in its fight against Boko Haram terrorists in Yobe State as unconfirmed number of soldiers were, weekend, killed in an ambush launched by the terrorists against troops.



### Army vs Boko Haram terrorists

This is even as the troops, on the other hand, killed scores of the terrorists during the encounter along Sasawa Road in Babangida Local Government Area of Yobe State.

The sect also slit the throat of no fewer than 18 persons in an attack in the Lake Chad region, according to News Agency of Nigeria, NAN, which quoted a Chadian military source.

The soldiers in the Yobe attack, drawn from the 233 Battalion in *Operation Lafiya Dole*, were said to have suffered the loss while countering an ambush staged by elements of Boko Haram terrorists.

The terrorists, who sources said ran short of food and were in the area to loot foodstuff from the popular Babangida Market, got wind of advancement of the troops towards the area and decided to ambush them first.

The Nigerian Army, which confirmed the development in a late night statement by its spokesman, Brigadier-General Texas Chukwu, however, did not state the number of casualties on its part, even as it claimed that several Boko Haram terrorists were neutralised during the encounter.

The statement read: “The troops encountered the terrorists along Sasawa Road in Babangida Local Government Area of Yobe State while countering an ambush staged by elements of Boko Haram terrorists.

“The troops encountered the ambush during a fighting patrol to clear the general area of fleeing elements of Boko Haram terrorists who have been on rampage for food and logistics.

“The gallant troops overpowered and neutralised the insurgents in the fire fight that ensued and successfully extricated themselves from the ambush.

“Information have so far confirmed that the insurgents whose original mission was to attack and loot the nearby Babbangida market for food and other logistics aborted the mission to stage the ambush on getting wind of the troops patrol.

“Unfortunately, while fighting through the ambush, the troops recorded some casualties. The situation has been brought under firm control by the troops and additional troops have been drafted to the area to reinforce the patrol troops.”

Meanwhile, no fewer than 18 persons were killed in an attack by Boko Haram insurgents in the Lake Chad region, NAN quoted a Chadian military source as saying weekend.

“Boko Haram elements attacked a village south of Daboua, not far from Chad’s border with Niger, at around 9pm on Thursday,” the military source said.