

Boko Haram members killed on Maiduguri-Damaturu highway

By Ndahi Marama

2

Scores of Boko Haram sect members were feared dead when the armed group clashed with military troops along Maiduguri-Damaturu highway, yesterday.

Sources said the gunmen in military uniforms stormed the Lawan-Mainari village in gun trucks in an attempt to attack a military base near Jakana.

It was gathered that there was a gun battle between the bandits and the military for about two hours, which halted traffic flow as hundreds of motorists and passengers were trapped and stranded, before they were escorted to Maiduguri and Damaturu by soldiers.

A security source said: "The troops succeeded in killing scores of the insurgents and are currently in a mop-up operation."

Confirming the incident, Commander of Rapid Response Squad, RRS, charged with the responsibility of securing farmers, motorists and passengers along the road, Abioye Babalola, said the attackers were repelled.

"It was Boko Haram sect that attempted to cause havoc between Mainok and Jakana villages, but they met their Waterloo with support from ground troops and airstrike," he said.