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4 soldiers killed, one injured in ISWAP's failed attack on military base

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Agency report

FOUR soldiers were feared killed yesterday while foiling a terrorist attack launched by the Islamic State of West Africa Province, ISWAP, on Ngamdu, a border town between Yobe and Borno states.

It was gathered that an officer, while attempting to provide cover for his battalion of troops against the ISWAP elements, was shot.

The officer who was said to

have sustained serious injury and was taken to a military medical facility, was responding to treatment.

According to the source, "While the troops were engaging the ISWAP terrorists in their MRAPs and gun trucks, some of the ISWAP insurgents sneaked and attempted to penetrate the Ngamdu Super Camp from behind. It was at this point that the officer and his battalion of troops confronted them.

"Unfortunately, four soldiers were shot by the terrorists and later died. The officer who attempted to protect the troops

also sustained injuries in the attack. But he is now receiving treatment. The troops, however, succeeded in foiling the ISWAP attack."

On Tuesday, troops of Theatre Command 'Operation Hadin Kai' with support from Air Force fighters jets were reported to have repelled an attack launched by suspected Boko Haram/ISWAP at one of its Super Camp in Ngamdu town of Kaga Local Government Area of Borno State.

Ngamdu, a border community with Yobe State is about 100km drive from Maiduguri, the state capital.

The incident which started about 11am lasted four about four hours, had trapped hundreds of motorists and passengers who were later allowed to ply the only road that linked the state capital with other parts of the country.

The Deputy Director Army Public Relations, 'Operation Hadin Kai', Col. Ado Isa in a telephone interview with *Vanguard* said, he was in Kaduna to attend the burial of the father of the Theatre Commander, Major General Christopher Musa.

"I am not in the Theatre. But my take for you is to contact my senior at Military Headquarters in Abuja for any details," Isa stated.