

# The Saturday COVER

## One soldier killed, two others injured as military repels Abuja Zuma Rock attack

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**F**acts emerged yesterday of how Nigeria's military repelled the planned invasion of the Federal Capital Territory, FCT, Abuja, by terrorists.

In the foiled invasion, many of the attackers suffered fatalities.

Unfortunately, one soldier was killed, while two others were injured.

Sources privy to the exchange informed Saturday Vanguard that the gunfight that ensued was like a war

movie.

The invasion, which, according to sources, was to be a hit-and-run, was planned with a view to setting a decoy, while attacking targets within the capital city and retreat.

However, acting on intelligence, the military was on full alert.

Unconfirmed reports said in some military barracks in Abuja, the bugle was blown, signifying the urgency for full military readiness.

In fact, deployment and reinforcements were sent to strategic targets within the capital city Thursday night.

Military sources confirmed that the alertness and readiness of the military

saved what would have been a very serious security breach within the capital city.

The planned invasion is coming in the same week when the terrorists holding hostages from the Abuja/Kaduna train attack of March, 2022, threatened to abduct President and Commander-in-Chief, Muhammadu Buhari, and the Kaduna State governor, Nasir El-Rufai.

The main theatre of Thursday's gunfight was a checkpoint at Zuma Rock.

The area is the boundary between Niger State and the Federal Capital Territory, FCT,