

Soldiers killed as Boko Haram attacks military base in Borno

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MAIDUGURI — Suspected Boko Haram terrorists have attacked the base of the Nigerian Army in Marte Local Government Area of Borno State, killing an unspecified number of soldiers.

Local and security sources confirmed the attack, saying the incident happened at Forward Operation Base of the 153 Task Force Battalion, about 3 a.m. yesterday.

One of the sources, who wouldn't want his name in print, said the troops were dislodged and many soldiers captured during the attack.

"ISWAP has taken over Marte, an unspecified number of soldiers were killed, some captured and many have deserted. They ran towards Dikwa, and are currently at the 24 Task Force Brigade, Dikwa.

"The terrorists also burnt down armoured tanks and made away with arms and am-

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munition from the base," said the source.

Marte is 38 kilometres from Dikwa, headquarters of Dikwa Local Government Area of Borno State.

A source in Dikwa told our correspondent that gunshots were heard and a fighter jet of the Nigerian Air Force was seen hovering the general area.

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Meanwhile, landmines planted by suspected members of dreaded Boko Haram Terrorists have killed two staff of Damboa Local Government Education Authority, LEA in Borno State.

This is coming less than few hours when an Assistant Inspector General of Police, Zone 15, AIG Kenechukwu Onwuemelie, convened an emergency security

stakeholders' meeting in Maiduguri to address rising security threats, including isolated attacks, banditry, kidnapping, and unregulated movement of people and goods in Borno State.

The incident took place, yesterday, on the Maiduguri-Damboa-Biu 185km road.

Damboa is in Southern Borno senatorial district where Senator Mohammed Ndume represent at the National Assembly.

Eye witnesses said: "The tragic loss of two dedicated staff members of the Damboa Educational Local Authority, Blessing Luka and Bitaleaf Gedion is very worrisome. They lost their lives in an Improvised Explosive Device, IED, explosion along the Damboa to Maiduguri highway on 12/05/2025, after a pick-up Toyota vehicle which conveyed them with fresh mangoes fruits heading to Maiduguri stumbled on the planted landmines."