

Two soldiers killed as troops confront ISWAP in Borno

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TWO soldiers have been confirmed dead while repelling coordinated Boko Haram/ISWAP attacks in the New Marte and Kumshe areas of Borno State.

According to a statement issued on Tuesday by the acting Deputy Director of Army Public Relations,

Headquarters Theatre Command of Operation Hadin Kai, Capt. Reuben Kovangiya, many insurgents were neutralised during the confrontations.

Kovangiya said, "In the early hours of May 27, 2025, troops of Operation Hadin Kai foiled an attack by Boko Haram/ISWAP terrorists attempting to infiltrate their position in

New Marte, Borno State.

"The terrorists were met with heavy gunfire, and the air component provided immediate Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance as well as offensive fire support, leading to the decimation of several fleeing insurgents."

The combined effort of ground forces and the air component successfully repelled the assault.

In a related incident, troops also thwarted a daring attack on the Forward Operating Base at Kumshe.

"Regrettably, two soldiers paid the ultimate sacrifice during the encounters," the statement confirmed. "The collaborative effort demonstrates the renewed jointness and team spirit in the fight against terrorism, geared towards bringing lasting peace to enable socio-economic activities to thrive in the North-East region."

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shortchanged following the declaration of emergency rule by President Bola Tinubu on March 18, 2025.

This was revealed by the Senate Leader and Chairman of the Ad-hoc Committee, Senator Opeyemi Bamidele, during the committee's inaugural meeting held at the New Senate Wing of the National Assembly Complex in Abuja.

Following the President's declaration, the Senate

President, Godswill Akpabio, constituted the 18-member Ad-hoc Committee chaired by Bamidele to oversee developments in Rivers State during the emergency period.

Those in attendance at Tuesday's inaugural session included Senate Chief Whip, Senator Tahir Munguno; Deputy Chief Whip, Senator Peter Nwebonyi; Chairman, Senate Committee on Land Transport, Senator Adamu Aliero.