

Boko Haram attack kills 15, wounds 83 in northern Nigeria

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Boko Haram militants - File Pic

Abuja: Nigerian military authorities say at least 15 people, including a soldier, have died and 83 others have been injured in an attack by Boko Haram insurgents on two villages in northern Nigeria.

Army spokesman Col. Onyema Nwachukwu said Monday the Islamic insurgents attacked the villages of Bille Shuwa and Alkaranti villages late Sunday as they retreated from Nigeria's military. He said troops had pushed back the insurgents from attacking closer to Maiduguri and they resorted to attacking the villages.

The injured are receiving medical attention.

Nwachukwu said more than 13 insurgents were killed by soldiers, who also recovered weapons and detonated recovered suicide vests. He said soldiers were still chasing insurgents.

Nwachukwu also said a 14-year-old Boko Haram insurgent surrendered to soldiers after escaping an enclave on the Lake Chad islands.

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