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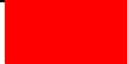


#### **MANY INSURGENTS KILLED IN FOILED REPEAT ATTACK ON BORNO MILITARY BASE**

Several suspected members of the ISWAP terrorist group met a grim end on Wednesday as Nigerian troops repelled a second attack by the terrorists on a military base in Rann, the headquarters of Kala Balge Local Government Area of Borno State. Reports gather that the terrorists returned to the base less than 48 hours after they attacked the facility and three others in Borno State between Monday and Tuesday. The report also stated that the insurgents who disguised as Fulani herders were repelled by gallant Nigerian troops who killed many of them and that the military combated the insurgents with the help of a NAF fighter jet, forcing them to retreat. The report did not disclose the number of casualties, and it explained that normalcy had been restored to the area.

Premium Times: [Many insurgents killed in foiled repeat attack on Borno military base](#) 14th May, 2025.

### ***Analysis***

The victory of the Nigerian Armed Forces over the terrorists in Kala Balge local government area of Borno States underscores the commitment of the military to restore peace and normalcy by eliminating terror and insurgent groups in the region. The success of the Nigerian military followed assurances given to Nigerians by the Theatre Commander of Operation Hadin Kai, A.E Abubakar. However, to sustain these victories, the federal government must beef up their support to the military with advanced equipment and ammunition. NAF fighter jets utilised in the operation indicates the synergy between the Nigerian Air Force and the troops of the Nigerian Army and this should be further encouraged in addition to robust intelligence sharing. The "gallant" response of the Nigerian troops, who successfully repelled the attack and inflicted casualties on the insurgents is a positive sign for the morale and effectiveness of the military in the face of repeated threats.

	HIGH RISK
	MEDIUM RISK
	LOW RISK

## ***NIGERIA***

### **TWO EDUCATION OFFICIALS KILLED IN BOMB EXPLOSION ON DAMBOA–MAIDUGURI ROAD**

Two staff of the Damboa Local Education Authority (LEA) were killed on Monday in a bomb blast along the Damboa–Maiduguri highway. The victims, identified as Blessings Luka and Gideon Bitterleaf, were travelling from Damboa to Maiduguri when the incident occurred. The deceased were seated in front of a Toyota Hiace van transporting mangoes when the vehicle struck an improvised explosive device suspected to have been planted by insurgents. The explosion claimed both lives instantly, leaving a few others with injuries.

Nairaland: [Two Education Officials Killed In Bomb Explosion On Damboa–Maiduguri Road](#) 16th May, 2025.

### **THE EVASIVE FUNDING CHANNELS SUSTAINING BOKO HARAM/ISWAP IN NIGERIA**

The Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) has developed a sophisticated financial system in northeastern Nigeria, combining taxation, smuggling, and use of cryptocurrencies to sustain its operations. These strategies include leveraging the dark web and Monero for anonymous transactions, challenging counterterrorism efforts. They govern areas through systems resembling state structures, collecting mandatory taxes and employing theological justifications to mask coercion. ISWAP's financial model integrates into local commerce through smuggling and black markets, embedding itself deeply into the region's economy. Despite being an insurgent group, they administer territories, providing services akin to governance.

HumanAngle. <https://humanglemedia.com/the-evasive-funding-channels-sustaining-boko-haram-iswap-in-nigeria/>. May 15, 2025

## **AFRICA**

### **PARAMILITARY'S DRONE ATTACK CUTS POWER IN SUDANESE CAPITAL AND SURROUNDS**

Sudan's capital, Khartoum, and the surrounding state were still without electricity on Thursday evening. The area was hit by an unprecedented barrage of drone strikes overnight Wednesday, knocking out the power supply. The attack comes just weeks after the army celebrated the recapture of the city. Experts say the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces appear to have opened up a new phase in Sudan's civil war, which has entered its third year. It has switched tactics from ground assaults to long-distance drone attacks on power stations, dams, and other infrastructure in army-held territory.

Africa News: [Paramilitary's drone attack cuts power in Sudanese capital and surrounds](#) 16th May, 2025.

### **SOUTH AFRICA URGES WHITE FARMERS TO STAY AMID U.S. REFUGEE CONTROVERSY**

South Africa's Deputy President Paul Mashatile has urged white farmers, particularly Afrikaners, to remain in the country and work with the government to overcome challenges facing rural communities. His comments come in response to the departure of 49 white South Africans who were resettled in the United States as refugees this week under a policy initiative driven by President Donald Trump. Speaking at the National Maize Producers Organisation (NAMPO) Show – Southern Africa's largest agricultural exhibition – Mashatile sought to reassure the farming community of the government's support.

Africa News: [South Africa urges white farmers to stay amid U.S. refugee controversy](#) 16th May, 2025.

### **ASSASSINATION OF MILITIA LEADER, GHENIWA, SPARKS CHAOS IN LIBYA(PHOTOS)**

Tripoli descended into chaos Monday following the reported assassination of Abdel Ghani al-Kikli, known as "Gheniwa," the powerful commander of Libya's Stability Support Authority (SSA). Al-Kikli was allegedly killed during a meeting at the base of the 444th Combat Brigade in the capital's Abu Salim district. The assassination, reportedly ordered by 444th Brigade commander Mahmoud Hamza, has reignited fears of full-scale conflict in a country already fractured by years of political and armed division. His death triggered intense clashes across Tripoli, with tanks deployed and civilian aircraft evacuated from Mitiga Airport. The violence comes amid rising tensions between Libya's eastern and western power blocs.

Nairaland: [Assassination Of Militia Leader, Gheniwa, Sparks Chaos In Libya\(photos\)](#) 16th May, 2025.

## **AL-QAEDA AFFILIATE CLAIMS 200 SOLDIERS KILLED IN BURKINA FASO ATTACK**

An al-Qaeda affiliate has claimed it killed 200 soldiers in an attack on a Burkina Faso army base this week. The base in the northern town of Djibo came under attack on Sunday morning, and a police station and market were also targeted. Dozens of soldiers and civilians were killed. “This is one of the deadliest attacks in Burkina Faso, and it comes just as Ibrahim Traore [Burkina Faso’s military leader] has been saying that the country has been gaining territory, encouraging people to go back to their homes, but this latest attack proves the opposite,” said Haque.

Aljazeera: [Al-Qaeda affiliate claims 200 soldiers killed in Burkina Faso attack](#) 15th May, 2025.

## ***THE GLOBE***

## **GLOBAL LIFE EXPECTANCY PLUNGES AS WHO WARNS OF DEEPENING HEALTH CRISIS POST-COVID**

The World Health Organization (WHO) has sounded the alarm on the long-term health repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic in its newly released World Health Statistics Report 2025. The report reveals a staggering decline in global life expectancy, which dropped by 1.8 years between 2019 and 2021 – the sharpest fall in recent history, effectively reversing a decade of health gains. The pandemic's toll extended beyond direct mortality. Increased levels of anxiety and depression during the crisis shaved six weeks off the global healthy life expectancy, offsetting progress previously made in combating noncommunicable diseases (NCDs). “The 2025 World Health Statistics report shows that the world is failing in its annual health checkup,” said Samira Asma, WHO Director of Data Analytics and Delivery for Impact. “But countries have shown that rapid progress is possible. What we really need to do is to recommit to the world with timely, reliable data where programmes are continuously improving and premature deaths become rare.”

Africa News: [Global life expectancy plunges as WHO warns of deepening health crisis Post-COVID](#) 16th May, 2025.

## **TRUMP, IN QATAR, ANNOUNCES ‘RECORD’ DEALS WITH GULF STATE FOR US PLANES, DRONE TECH**

Visiting US President Donald Trump signed an agreement with Qatar’s Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani that will “generate an economic exchange worth at least \$1.2 trillion,” the White House said Thursday. Trump’s visit Wednesday to the Gulf nation, the second stop of his Middle East trip, has highlighted the sometimes murky role played by Qatar in using its wealth to influence US policy and comes days after Doha’s offer to Trump of a \$400 million luxury aircraft to serve as a new Air Force One and then pass into his personal use when he leaves office. Trump “also announced economic deals totaling more than \$243.5 billion,” the White House fact sheet said, listing a “record” order for 160 planes from Boeing, alongside deals with US energy firm McDermott, defense contractor Parsons, and quantum computing company Quantinuum. Qatar

also purchased \$1 billion worth of counter-drone technology from defense giant Raytheon, making Qatar the first international buyer of the contractor's new FS-LIDS system.

Times of Israel: Trump, in Qatar, announces 'record' deals with Gulf State for US planes, drone tech 15th May, 2025.

### **ISRAELI AIR STRIKE ON HOSPITAL KILLS AT LEAST SIX PEOPLE IN GAZA, LOCAL OFFICIAL**

An Israeli air strike has killed at least six people and injured dozens at the European Gaza hospital in Khan Younis. Israeli warplanes dropped six bombs simultaneously on the hospital, hitting both its inner courtyard and surrounding area, according to local sources. The Israeli military said it had conducted a "precise strike" on a Hamas base, which it claimed is beneath the hospital. The emergency department of this hospital was hit by another strike earlier on Tuesday. The strike resulted in several deep craters inside the hospital compound, which buried several vehicles including a large bus.

Nairaland: Israeli Air Strike On Hospital Kills At Least Six People In Gaza, Local Official 16th May, 2025.