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January 26:

- an-Naba' 375



Translation: Some Nigerian soldiers killed and a failed air raid of the army of Niger in clashes and attacks in Western Africa.

This week the soldiers of the Caliphate killed and wounded some in the ranks of the Nigerian army and destroyed one of their vehicles, in two attacks in the area of (Borno) and (Yobe) in the North-East of Nigeria. Furthermore, the Mujahidin thwarted an air raid of the armed forces of Niger on a town on the border of Niger and killed and wounded a number of them. To be clear, by the grace of God Almighty, on Monday (Rajab 1), the soldiers of the Caliphate attacked a patrol of the murtad Nigerian army with machine guns, close to the village of (Gashua) in the area of (Yobe). The fled the battlefield. The Mujahidin captured a rifle and ammunition. The media channel of ISWAP released pictures of the attack. Praise be God.



Translation: Nigerian soldiers killed and an air-raid by the army of Niger thwarted during clashes and attacks in Western Africa.

This week the soldiers of the Caliphate killed and wounded a number of Nigerian soldiers and destroyed one of their vehicles in the area of (Borno) and (Yobe), in the North-East of Nigeria. The Mujahidin also managed to thwart an air-raid by the army of Niger, on the border (with Niger) and killed and wounded some of their militia.

Ambush on the Nigerian army in (Yobe)

On Monday (1 Rajab) the soldiers of the Caliphate ambushed a patrol of the Nigerian army in (Gashua) in the area of (Yobe). They attacked them with machine guns and they fled. The Mujahidin captured a rifle and ammunition. The media branch of ISWAP sent pictures of proof, praise be God.

Destruction of an armoured vehicle in an ambush in (Borno)

At the same time, according to a source close to an-Naba', on the exact same day, soldiers of the Caliphate attacked another patrol of the Nigerian army on the road between (Damboa) and (Maidogho). They attacked with different weapons and hit them with an explosive device. An armoured vehicle was destroyed, those inside were killed or wounded. The source added that war-planes targeted the Mujahidin in an attempt to protect their soldiers from the ambush.

A thwarted air-raid by the armed forces of Niger after [we] killed and wounded some of them

In related news, the aforementioned source of an-Naba' confirmed there were heavy clashes on Saturday (28 Jumada al-Akhira) between the Mujahidin and special forces of the murtad Niger army where they managed to thwart the launch of air raids on the encampment of the Mujahidin in (Matari), close to the boarder with Niger.

The source confirmed the attack was foiled and that [the Mujahidin] fought them with a variety of weapons, killed and wounded a number of them, after which the rest of them fled. The source added that a helicopter was seen, picking up the dead and wounded, while another one was providing aircover. The source said that one Mujahid, God praise his soul, was killed during the operation.

Somali pictures shown in Nigeria

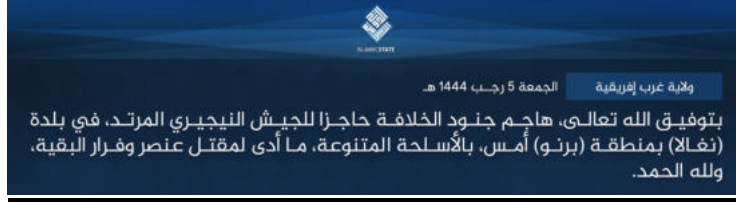
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Last week

During last week the soldiers of the Caliphate killed and wounded a number of Nigerian soldiers and disabled one of their vehicles. Four militia members were killed and their vehicle was burned in several attacks in the area of (Brono), North-Eastern Nigeria.

January 27:

- **ISWAP – attack on the Nigerian army in (Ngala)**



ولاية غرب إفريقية بتوفيق الله تعالى، هاجم جنود الخلافة حاجزا للجيش النيجيري المرتد، في بلدة (نغالا) بمنطقة (برنو) أمس، بالأسلحة المتنوعة، ما أدى لمقتل عنصر وفرار البقية، والله الحمد.

Translation: *ISWAP, by the grace of God Almighty, yesterday the soldiers of the Caliphate attacked a road block of the Nigerian army in the village of (Ngala) in the area of (Borno) with different weapons. One soldier was killed, the rest of them fled, praise be God.*

January, 28:

- **Brief note by Radio France International on Jihadi attacks in Burkina Faso**

L'Agence France-Presse a appris de sources sécuritaire et locale qu'au moins une dizaine de civils ont été tués jeudi lors de deux attaques de jihadistes présumés dans le centre-ouest du Burkina Faso, à environ 140 km de Ouagadougou. Selon un habitant, l'une a eu lieu à Doh, un village de la commune de Dassa ; l'autre à Bachoukorépoun.

Translation: *French Press Agency (AFP) has obtained the news from security and local sources that at least a dozen citizens were killed last Thursday, after two Jihadi attacks, presumably in Central-Western Burkina Faso, about 140 km from Ouagadougou. According to one local, the first attack happened in Doh, a Dassa village, the other one in Bachoukorépoun.*

(source: https://www.rfi.fr/fr/en-bref/20230127-burkina-faso-au-moins-une-dizaine-de-civils-tu%C3%A9s-dans-deux-attaques-sources-s%C3%A9curitaire-et-locale?ref=tw_i)

January 29:

- **az-Zallaqa Media – JNIM's operations in Mali during the month of January 2023 (released in Arabic, English and French)**



- News Report by Zagazola

Troops eliminates 32 terrorists including top Commander Abu Illiya in Borno

The Nigerian Army troops of Operation Hadin Kai in collaboration with CJTF have eliminated 32 terrorists including a top Commander, Abu Illiya, in Konduga LGA. (source: <https://zagazola.org/index.php/breaking-news/troops-eliminates-32-terrorists-including-top-commander-abu-illiya-in-borno>)

- News report by Zagazola

Suspecting Sabotage, ISWAP Expels Boko Haram Members in it's Fold

The Islamic State of the West African Province (ISWAP) terrorist group have expelled former members of the Jamā'at Ahl as-Sunnah lid-Da'wah wa'l-Jihād (Boko Haram) group who had earlier defected and pledged allegiance to ISWAP following the death of their leader, Shekau.

(source: <https://zagazola.org/index.php/breaking-news/suspecting-sabotage-iswap-expels-boko-haram-members-in-it-s-fold>)

January 30:

- Statement by az-Zallaqa Media (JNIM)



Translation: (...) On Friday 5 Rajab, AH 1444, January 27, 2023 AD, the Mujahidin of JNIM set an ambush for the Burkinabe army. They attacked them near (Yagh) in the area of (Siba). 8 enemies were killed, the rest fled the battlefield and left a body of a Burkinabe soldier behind. The Mujahidin captured 10 Kalashnikovs, 20 motor-cycles, one car armed with a DSHK, one revolver, 25 Kalashnikov magazines and 3 RPG's. 5 of the Mujahidin were martyred, may God accept them (...)

On Tuesday 2 Rajab, AH 1444, 24 January, 2023 AD, the Mujahidin set an ambush for the Burkinabe army [on the road between] (Bobo) and (Didghwa). A soldier was killed after which his motorcycle was captured, another one was burned. One RPG launcher and four rockets were captured along with a Kalashnikov and ammunition.



January 31:

- ISWAP



ولاية غرب إفريقيا بتوفيق الله تعالى، استهدف جنود الخلافة معسكرا للجيش النيجيري المرتد، في بلدة (مالم فاتوري) يوم الخميس الماضي، بقذيفتي هاون، وكانت الإصابة محققة، والله الحمد.

Translation: ISWAP. By the grace of God Almighty, on Thursday last week, the soldiers of the Caliphate targeted a camp of the murtad Nigerian army, in the village of (Malam Fatori) and caused significant damage. Praise be God.

- ISWAP



Translation: 9 killed and wounded [in the ranks of] the murtad Nigerian army in an explosion [caused by] the soldiers of the Caliphate in Northern Nigeria

By the grace of God, Almighty, last Friday, the soldiers of the Caliphate detonated an explosive device amid the ranks of a murtad Nigerian army patrol in the area of the village of (Sabon Ghari) in the area of (Borno). Around 9 of them were killed and wounded, their vehicle was damaged. Praise be God.

January 31:

- **Twitter**



- **Zagazola**

Troops arrest 13 ISWAP logistics suppliers in Borno

No fewer than 13 ISWAP logistics suppliers have been arrested by troops of Operation Hadin Kai in Borno State

(source: <https://zagazola.org/index.php/breaking-news-edit/troops-arrest-13-iswap-logistics-suppliers-in-borno>)

- **Zagazola**

Four soldiers wounded as IED struck army patrol team in Damboa

At least four soldiers were wounded after a roadside improvised explosive device (IED) struck a convoy of troops during a fighting patrol along along Wajiroko-Sabon in Damboa Local Government Area of Borno State on January 30.

(source: <https://zagazola.org/index.php/breaking-news-edit/four-soldiers-wounded-as-ied-struck-army-patrol-team-in-dambo>)

- **Conflict Zone (Telegram)**

(18+) В Нигерии при проведении КТО в провинции Борно военные ликвидировали тридцать два боевика группировки "Боко Харам". Операция прошла накануне в н.п. Кондуга, который джихадисты удерживали несколько месяцев. Среди уничтоженных силовики опознали полевого командира МТО. В

схронах боевиков военные обнаружили вооружение и [традиционные велосипеды](#) террористов.

(Graphic pictures withheld from publication)

Translation:

In Nigeria, during the CTO in the province of Borno, the military eliminated thirty-two militants of the Boko Haram group. The operation took place the day before in N. p. Kondug, which the jihadists held for several months. Among the destroyed, the security forces identified the MTO field commander. In the caches of militants, the military found weapons and commonly used motorcycles