



Terrorism: Nigerian Army recovers missing soldiers' corpses.

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NIGERIA: -

The Nigerian Army today said that one officer and fifteen soldiers who are part of the 46 troops declared missing over six weeks ago, have been found dead in a major river in the North Eastern part of the country.

According to CeoAfrica, Lucky Irabor, the Theatre Commander of Operation Lafiya Dole who made the announcement, said the soldiers were found dead in River Yobe,

“The corpses were recovered along Kamadogou River line area in Maiduguri,” Mr Irabor, a major general said, adding that the departed soldiers included K. Yusuf, a lieutenant colonel.

Prior to his kidnapping and ultimate death, Yusuf was the commander of Nigerian Army 223 Tank Battalion.

“They have since been buried in Maimalari Cantonment Cemetery with full military honours,” Mr Irabor added.

It would be recalled that reports made the rounds about 83 soldiers manning a Forward Operation Base in Gashigar, Borno State, who went missing in a major Boko Haram attack on the evening of October 16, 2016.

After initial resistance, the poorly motivated troops abandoned their base and scampered for safety.

As they retreated, some soldiers jumped into River Yobe to escape the advancing insurgents. The terrorists opened fire nonetheless, killing some of the troops and wounding others.

The Boko Haram insurgency has caused the death of about 20,000 people since 2009. The terror group has, however, suffered major losses including losing its stronghold, Sambisa forest, to soldiers last December.