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Terrorists Kill 4, Raze Schools, Houses In Borno, Niger



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Terrorists have killed one person and set ablaze a primary school and a secondary school in Kautikari village, Chibok Local Government Area of Borno State.

In another incident, terrorists killed three people and burnt several houses during an attack on Pissa community in Borgu Local Government Area of Niger State in the early hours of Saturday.

Both states have continued to witness repeated attacks by armed groups, leading to killings, abductions and destruction of property.

The latest attack in Borno came about a month after the abduction of more than 40 students of Mussa Primary and Junior Secondary School in Askira-Uba Local Government Area.

Local and security sources said the attackers invaded Kautikari at about 7pm on Saturday, shooting sporadically and setting parts of the community ablaze.

Confirming the attack, the Education Secretary of the local government council, Malam Kyari, said the gunmen targeted parts of the schools during the invasion.

“They killed one person and set ablaze one block containing five classrooms and an office at Kautikari Junior Secondary School,” he said.

A security source, who asked not to be named, said some parts of the school were burnt, but no casualty was recorded inside the school buildings.

“There was no casualty inside the schools, but residents fled into the bush for safety,” the source said.

Another resident said the community had been attacked months earlier, but no public or private property was destroyed at the time.

“I am surprised they set ablaze the primary and secondary schools. Such attacks are unusual here,” the resident said.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Borno State Police Command, ASP Nahum Kenneth Daso, confirmed the incident, saying that classrooms were burnt and one person died.

He noted that the security personnel on the ground repelled the attack and prevented further destruction.

“They attacked Kautikari village, where they burnt two classrooms at Government Day Secondary School and killed one man during the invasion.

“The suspected insurgents faced strong resistance from joint security forces, averting further losses. As of now, the area is calm and intensive patrols are ongoing,” he added.