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## KILLINGS DURING RAIDS

Amnesty International has interviewed witnesses and victims of more than 130 raids on towns and villages between January 2014 and March 2015. Many of these hit and run attacks took place close to Boko Haram's main camp in the Sambisa forest, Borno state. The following cases are typical of these smaller, frequent attacks.

Around 200 Boko Haram fighters attacked Kawuri village, Konduga LGA (20 km from Konduga town) on 16 March 2014. According to one eyewitness, who left Kawuri after the attack, they drove into the market on motorcycles, shot civilians, killing dozens of them, stole supplies and set fire to shops. The eyewitness said the soldiers stationed in the village initially fired at the Boko Haram fighters but were overpowered.<sup>96</sup>

On 7 June 2014, Boko Haram fighters came to Gayawa village, Konduga LGA. Boko Haram gunmen killed 19 people, according to a resident, Modu Kallare (not real name), who fled into the surrounding bush. He told Amnesty International: "The next morning I saw all the dead bodies and that they had burned houses, cars and food supplies. It was then that the community decided to leave home and come to Maiduguri. For now, the place is too dangerous to return."<sup>97</sup>

Mallam Abubakar (not real name), a farmer from Azaya, Mafa LGA, told Amnesty International about a raid on his hometown on 20 November 2014. Boko Haram fighters killed 53 people. He said he buried 33 and another group buried a further 20 victims.<sup>98</sup> He said that the group also looted from the market and burned people's homes and shops.

### GAMBOROU: NEARLY 400 PEOPLE KILLED ON 5 MAY 2014

On 5 May 2014 Boko Haram attacked Gamborou in Ngala LGA, Borno state. Amnesty International gathered 11 testimonies, including eight eyewitnesses to the attack and its aftermath, one local official and one military source.

"Boko Haram opened fire on everyone in the town, shooting and killing indiscriminately. They followed people into their houses and killed them; they also went to the market and killed people. They also opened fire on people with the armoured tank they brought. They went to a motorcycle shop in town; they took about 100 and rode around town on them killing people and burning houses as they went," said Sari Zuwa (not real name), a 39-year-old resident of Gamborou who saw the attack.<sup>99</sup>

Eyewitnesses confirmed that Boko Haram fighters attacked a police station in Gamborou around midday and killed 17 police officers. They then set fire to houses and shot civilians as they tried to escape. One group went to the market in flatbed trucks and two armoured personnel carriers.

Goni Mustapha (not real name), a member of the security forces stationed in Gamborou, told Amnesty International that at the time of the attack, there was no military presence in the

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<sup>94</sup> Amnesty International interview, May 2014.

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