

On 4th November, 2013, over 100 Boko Haram fighter attacked Gavva East village, Gwoza LGA and destroyed the village. © Private

MBUTA: 14 PEOPLE KILLED ON 12 FEBRUARY 2015

Small-scale raids on towns and villages continued while Boko Haram took control of major towns. In Mbuta, Mafa LGA, Boko Haram killed 14 people on 12 February 2015. Around 20 Boko Haram fighters arrived in a car and six motorcycles at 8am, when many people had gone to their fields. Bukar Tanko (not real name), a farmer, told Amnesty International that he returned to Mbuta when he heard gunshots. From where he hid, he was able to see and hear the attack: "They started opening fire, shouting that you have to kill disbelievers, you have to burn the houses of the people. It was the commander who was shouting. I saw them one by one, putting the fire on houses and shops. They went to the shops, opened the shops. Whatever is useful they took it in their car." When the attack was over, Bukar and other survivors arranged a vehicle to take the injured to hospital and buried 11 people shot by Boko Haram and three women burned to death in their homes. Amnesty International interviewed two other eyewitnesses, both injured in the attack, who corroborated the story.

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¹¹² Amnesty International interviews, February 2015.