

EXTRAJUDICIAL EXECUTIONS DURING SECURITY OPERATIONS: MORE THAN 200 PEOPLE KILLED IN REVENGE ATTACK ON DUGURI, 2012.

On 12 February 2012 Boko Haram members attacked soldiers from the Multinational JTF, based in Duguri (Kukawa LGA, close to Baga), a fishing town on an island in Lake Chad. At least two soldiers were killed in the attack. The next day soldiers from the Multinational JTF told the village head to assemble the residents of Duguri at his house and demanded that the residents produce the attackers, Ahmed Bukar (not his real name),), a 55 year-old businessman told Amnesty International. But the residents said that they did not know, because many people had passed through Duguri as it was a market town.

On 14 February, the army returned. Mustapha Ali, a 60-year-old business man told Amnesty International that he and 19 other elderly men were arrested. He said: "The commander came with soldiers, they arrested 20 of us elderly people and told us to sit down. We stayed. He then ordered a soldier [in English] that they should open fire and finish with us. One of the boat drivers, who understands English, said when you kill those innocent people we will not take you back to Baga."¹⁴² The men were released.

On 15 February, around 100 soldiers from the Multinational JTF Headquarters in Baga arrived in Duguri on boats. The soldiers entered the town and opened fire on civilians and burned the majority of the town to the ground. According to the witnesses, they killed more than 200 people.

A comparison of satellite images show that the majority of the town's structures were destroyed. Amnesty International interviewed seven eyewitnesses who were in the town when the military attacked and who buried the victims, as well as two local government officials.¹⁴³ Amnesty International also received a list from local authorities with 564 names of victims who died in attacks on Kukawa Local Government: this included the military attacks on Duguri in February 2012 and Baga in April 2013.¹⁴⁴

¹⁴² Amnesty International interview, May 2015.

¹⁴³ Amnesty International interviews January and May 2015.

¹⁴⁴ List is on file with Amnesty International