

## KAWAR MAILA, 27 DECEMBER 2011

On the early hours of 27 December 2011, nine people – Wakil Dala, Bukar Dila, Ali Dala, Adam Tijjani, Mamman Adamu Mustapha, Hassan Musa Bukar, Mamman M Mustapha, Alhaji Ali and Babangida Adamu – were allegedly shot by members of the JTF. According to residents of the community, JTF soldiers in several vehicles had arrived at Kawar Maila Ward, Maiduguri, and surrounded homes. Parents were asked to produce their male children. They were told their sons were being taken away for interrogation. Two days later a relative of one of the arrested boys heard on the radio that the JTF had killed 11 Yusufiyya [followers of Mohammed Yusuf] members in Maiduguri. One of the relatives went to the mortuaries to check. He found the bodies of all nine on the floor of the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital mortuary. In a press conference at the National Union of Journalists House in Maiduguri, a relative of one of the boys killed described how, when he and the other relatives arrived at the mortuary to claim the bodies, soldiers told them that they would not be allowed to take away the corpses unless they signed a statement that all the executed boys were members of Boko Haram.<sup>102</sup> The relatives refused. The Village Head was arrested and detained for 24 hours for refusing to sign a similar statement that the nine were killed in a gun battle.<sup>103</sup>

JTF spokesman Lieutenant Colonel Mohammed Hassan told journalists in Maiduguri that they had 'incontrovertible evidence' that the suspects were members of Boko Haram and claimed that they were killed during a gun battle with JTF operatives in the early hours of Saturday.<sup>104</sup>

On the evening of 12 February 2012, between 7pm and 8pm, according to eyewitness accounts, the JTF mounted a road block at the entrance to Budum community, Maiduguri, set a house on fire and carried out a house to house search. Eight people were killed, including some trying to flee the area.<sup>105</sup> According to eyewitnesses interviewed by Amnesty International, Kana M Zakaria (16) was asked to come out of his house with his hands raised and was shot dead by a mobile police officer attached to the JTF unit. Bako Gwain Tijjani (42) was also shot dead while his hands were raised over his head. Six of the bodies were reportedly taken away by the JTF and later retrieved by the community from the hospital, while those of Baba Kalo (63) and Malam Yahaya (35) were left at the scene. According to residents interviewed by Amnesty International, the soldiers threatened the head of the community that he would be killed if he did not divulge who was a member of Boko Haram in the area. When he said that he did not know anyone, he was told to lie on his back while a soldier marched on his chest. This was repeated after he was ordered to lie on his front.<sup>106</sup>

Residents of Budum claimed the JTF carried out the raid because a JTF vehicle collided with an electricity pole next to Budum market. According to residents it was after this incident that the JTF cordoned off the area and started the house to house searches. The JTF claimed in newspaper interviews that the operation was carried out after its vehicle came under attack from gunmen.<sup>107</sup>

## KALERI, 9 JULY 2011

On 9 July 2011 at around 8pm there was an explosion near a JTF vehicle in Kaleri Ward, Maiduguri. Most of the men in the community were in the mosque and the women were in their houses. According to residents, JTF soldiers blocked roads in the area preventing anyone from entering or exiting. The soldiers entered approximately 20 houses, searching them and bringing out residents who were made to lie on the ground. The JTF then set fire to homes, cars and motorcycles. Several men found inside the houses were shot dead. At least 18 men are believed to have been killed.<sup>108</sup>