

5 killed in Riyom night attack, Boko Haram kills 5 in Damaturu

Emmanuel Ayeni, the Plateau Commissioner of Police, has confirmed that five persons were killed and many others injured in a midnight attack in Riyom on Tuesday. In Damaturu, capital of Yobe State, gunmen killed five people, including a police officer and a politician, at a bar, in an area previously hit by a bomb blast blamed on Islamists Boko Haram sect, residents and a doctor said on Wednesday.

Riyom is the headquarters of Riyom Local Government of Plateau.

"There was an attack in Riyom that left five people dead. It was a night attack and we are investigating. It is very unfortunate and we are doing something about that.

"Riyom is our albatross, it is the major albatross we have now.

"Yesterday (Tuesday), before the attack, I held meetings with major stakeholders on this issue of Riyom. But there is hope that this malady will stop," Ayeni told newsmen on Wednesday.

An eyewitness, Pam Dalyop,

said that the assailants struck when the people were asleep.

Dalyop said that there was a heavy rain, which made it impossible to hear the cries of the affected persons.

"Because of the heavy rain, we were trying to sleep but we were hearing gunshots.

"The assailants came with sophisticated weapons; we were shouting for help but no one was there to help us.

"There was pandemonium in the whole area as people were running for safety.

"The assailants were more than 20, they shot some people and also cut some people with axes and machetes," he said.

Dalyop urged the government to provide security in the area because the attack was similar to previous ones.

"The same people even killed a mobile policeman that was deployed here two weeks ago," Dalyop alleged.

He said that four females and a male were killed and gave their names as: Dinatu Danbwarang, 48, Simi Joseph, 26, Rose Dalyop, 25, Japhet Samuel, 4, and Christiana Adamu.