



Nigeria: Five Killed in JTF Clash With Insurgents in Yobe

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Damaturu — Four suspected Boko Haram insurgents and one vigilante officer were yesterday killed in a gun dual with men of the Joint Task Force (JTF) in Geidam town in Yobe State.

The vigilante, Malam Idi Danbanga, was killed during the evening attack.

Daily Trust gathered that the gunmen numbering 20 stormed the town at around 4pm and launched attacks on Geidam central market and other security posts in the town.

A witness said the attackers took advantage of the final football match attended by the council chairman and JTF commander in the area to unleash terror.

The witness also said the vigilante officer was shot dead by the gunmen while trying to lock the market's entrance gate, saying immediately the JTF started responding to the gunshots the gunmen ran away.

He said four dead bodies of the gunmen were taken to Gaidam General Hospital while one of them was captured alive.

Yobe JTF spokesman Lieutenant Eli Lazarus confirmed the incident.

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