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## Nigeria: Damagun Attack - Police Say Four Dead, Boko Haram Claims Responsibility

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Damaturu — Police in Yobe State yesterday said four people, a policeman and three members of the Boko Haram sect, were killed Wednesday night in a gun fight during an attack on the Divisional Police headquarters in [Damagun](#), Fune Local Government Area of Yobe State.

However, the sect has claimed responsibility for the attack on the police station [and other places](#) in the area.

Witnesses said more than 10 Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) were used by [suspected Boko Haram](#) members, who laid siege on various security outfits in Damagun around 7pm on Wednesday.

Yobe State police spokesman Gbadegesin Toyin told Daily Trust yesterday that only one policeman was killed in the attack and gave the name of the deceased as [Corporal Fada](#).

Toyin said the gunmen also destroyed an army lodge, Koreans' residence in the area and set a patrol vehicle ablaze . The gunmen also [attacked the satellite prison](#) and set free 12 out of the 14 inmates.

Spokesman of the Boko Haram, Abul-Qaqa, who spoke to journalists in Maiduguri by phone yesterday, alleged that whenever there was exchange of gunfire, "security operatives normally kill vulnerable civilians," and declare them as sect members.

He said they attacked [Damagun](#) for two reasons: "One of our members was arrested there following a tip off and therefore, we went there to free him.

"The second reason is that all police stations and other security outfits are our targets wherever they are in this country."

However, Qaqa did not explain whether they have succeeded in freeing their member.

Daily Trust gathered that the police in the area have few days ago arrested a suspect.

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