

GUNMEN KILL 24 IN BORNO VILLAGES



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Gunmen suspected to be members of the Boko Haram sect in the early hours of yesterday attacked Doron Baga, a fishing community in Kukawa Local Government Area of Borno State, killing seven fishermen and injuring 15 others.

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The attack came about two days after the killing of 17 villagers in Sabon Gari village in Damboa Local Government area of the state.

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The assailants also burnt fishing boats and nets, witnesses and survivors told Sunday Trust in the state capital Maiduguri, yesterday.

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The Doron Baga attack happened about seven months after over 200 people were killed and 1000 houses destroyed during a fight by Boko Haram members and security forces.

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In the earlier attack on Thursday in Sabon Gari area along Maiduguri-Biu road in Damboa Local Government, the gunmen killed 17 people and burnt down over 100 houses, in addition to shops and motorcycles, witnesses said.

Military authorities were yet to issue a statement on the two attacks at the time of filing this report.

Locals who brought their injured relations to hospitals in Maiduguri said the attackers had inflicted "serious scars" on their communities.

Residents said yesterday's attack on Doron Baga could be a reprisal by the insurgents over the arrest of their leader (Amir), who was reportedly captured by soldiers with the assistance of youth vigilantes (Civilian JTF), about two weeks ago.

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