



Gunmen kill 9 in fresh Borno attack

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Boko Haram members early yesterday killed nine people in Amuda and Arbokko villages in Gwoza LGA of Borno State.

Sources said Amuda and Arbokko were attacked around 2:00am by gunmen who rode in Toyota Hilux vehicles and motorcycles.

Pirda Takweshe, a farmer in Amuda, said his house and many others were burnt by the attackers who also destroyed shops, grain silos and other valuables.

"We were all asleep when we heard the movement of the attackers and as they approached, they started hurling petrol bombs that set houses ablaze...many of us escaped with difficulties and there are some that sustain gunshot wounds," he said.

Josiah Ali, another resident said the insurgents stormed the villages through Kughum-Pulka border road and left around 3.30am through Kughum, another village close to the Cameroon border which was also destroyed in March.

"The only good news is that they did not injure the old men and women that managed to go out of the thatched houses but could not flee, besides that, they destroyed everything," he said.

He also said there was no security presence in the village and surrounding settlements. There was no information on the attacks from the police and army at press time.

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