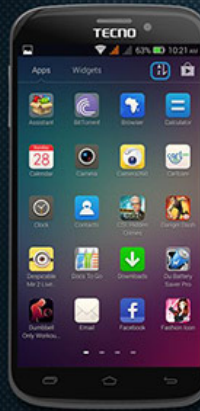


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CLERIC KILLED AS FOOD, FUEL SHORTAGE HIT GAMBORU


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Following the takeover of **Gamboru town in Borno State by the Boko Haram, residents of the town have come under attack with the slaughter of a cleric in his house** even as the town is running out of food and other basic needs.

The insurgents reportedly earlier told residents to stay in the town, promising not to harm anyone. But a resident told the BBC Hausa **yesterday: "They went to the house of one cleric, but could not get him. Then they went to another cleric's house, got him and slaughtered him instantly"**. The insurgents are freely patrolling. Some of them go around on vehicles, while some walk on the streets. But they all hold guns. They were telling us that they did not come for civilians but for unbelievers (security)".

Asked if the insurgents are imparting their doctrines on residents, he said: "They have never lectured us, unless sometimes you see one of them talking to our young children. Presently, the situation is dire because getting what to eat is uncertain for us. Many people have run away, but we are still at our homes."

The resident said trading is at a standstill, with a few shops offering partial services. "But even that has now stopped since they started killing us", he said, adding that the insurgents do not join residents in mosques for prayers, but pray alone. He said Nigerian troops had not been sighted. Residents also said Kerosene for cooking as well as petrol and diesel for running grinding machines and pumping water from boreholes are fast running out.

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