

# More B/Haram militants killed near Maiduguri

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A few hours after soldiers and vigilante members defeated invading Boko Haram fighters along Damboa and Dikwa roads in Borno State on Sunday, many others who attempted to enter the state capital through Baga were killed at a village near the 7 Division Headquarters.

It was gathered that hundreds of the militants armed with assault rifles and explosives approached Maiduguri around 5pm but were intercepted by soldiers at Tungushe village of Konduga LGA, less than 10 kilometers from Maiduguri.

A security source said the army deployed nearly 1,000 soldiers to confront the approaching insurgents who drove in a convoy of many vehicles.

A religious leader in Tungushe, Goni Usman, said soldiers saved him from the militants. "We would have been the first casualties because most of our people were at home, nobody went out that day because of the fighting going along Damboa and Mafa roads. We never thought they (insurgents) were coming. The only thing we noticed was the unprecedented mobilisation of troops who told us to remain close to our homes.

"At about 5:00pm, we started hearing sound of explosives and gun shots, then sounds of artillery rent the air. The military gallantly engaged the attackers in a gun battle even when the Boko Haram fighters were throwing explosives and Rocket Propelled Grenade (RPG)," he said.

Mohammed Abba, another resident of the village said many of the insurgents were killed and the rest were successfully repelled by the soldiers. He advised soldiers not to relent in their efforts.

Meanwhile, youth in Maiduguri are intensifying surveillance in all parts of the state capital.

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