

BOKO HARAM KILLS 19 IN ADAMAWA VILLAGES



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Boko Haram members have killed at least 19 civilians in Hong local government area of Adamawa State, witnesses said yesterday. Adamawa State police spokesman, DSP Othman Abubakar, said Garaha, Lar and Garaha-Mujelli villages were attacked on Wednesday by armed militants who thronged the area in several vans and motorcycles.

"There were attacks on communities in Hong area on Wednesday but there is no detail about casualty figure yet," Abubakar said. However, a local official who did not want to be quoted because he was not authorised to speak to press, said villagers had fled into the bush when the gunmen approached but the militants traced them trailed them and killed more than 19 people.

"I personally counted 19 corpses while some residents claimed to have discovered five more. They also burnt Garaha and two neighbouring villages," the official said. He added that hundreds of residents have fled to Hong town while many were stranded in the bush.

Hong is among six areas recently liberated from Boko Haram by Nigerian troops.

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