

Boko Haram kills 9 in Adamawa village

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Boko Haram fighters have killed at least nine people in Kwamda-Kwambla village in the northern part of Adamawa State.

Reliable sources told our correspondent that about 20 armed persons, suspected to be Boko Haram insurgents attacked the village at about 5 am on Friday morning, with knives and axes

Madagali was among the areas in Adamawa which were recently recaptured from Boko Haram insurgents.

Residents said there was no security presence in Kwamda-Kwambla which is five kilometers from Gulak town, the headquarters of Madagali.

A resident told our correspondent that he believed the insurgents did not shoot during the attack to avoid attracting attention.

"They were not in large numbers

as usual, so I think they wanted to do it silently. They remain a huge threat to lives in this area. Soldiers should finish the job by flushing out the remnants of Boko Haram before they regroup and re-arm," he said.

Chairman of Madagali Local Government Council, Maina Ularamu said the attackers did not shoot, they instead cut the heads of their victims.

According to him, members of vigilante group had gone after the attackers before they escaped to

their hide outs in the surrounding villages.

"The problem is that there are no soldiers in the area except in Madagali town and Gulak, so the insurgents live around some villages and carry out guerilla attacks on residents", he said.

"They are hiding in villages including Lemo, Gadadamai, Jaj Gatha, Chakurak and Chakawa. Unless they are fished out of the area, they will continue to terrorize residents", he added.