

Though details of the attacks in Bama and Koshebe are sketchy at the time of filing this report, sources said there may be some casualties.

Similarly, in the early hours of Friday, Boko Haram insurgents reportedly trailed about 13 of their "defecting" members and killed 11 of them in Miringa village in Biu Local Government Area of Borno State.

Sources said the "defecting" members were forcefully conscripted by the terror group several months ago. It was gathered that when they saw the opportunity, the defecting members fled a base in Gwargware village in nearby Yobe State and joined hundreds of internally displaced people taking refuge in Miringa.

A member of the 'Civilian JTF', Bakura Kutafa, said Boko Haram militants went to Miringa around 3.30am and carefully selected their targets. "The terrorists came when most households were awake, trying to prepare meal for Sahur. They moved from house to house and picked 13 people, who according to them have committed sacrilege," he said.

A resident of Miringa, Gwoni Tela said the assailants warned them not flee. "They said their targets are the infidels that abdicated and that we should not panic; they therefore took 13 people to the outskirts of Miringa and shot them, but two survived," he said.

Modu Pulgwa, another resident of Miringa said he will leave the village. "Definitely I would leave, in fact, most of us would leave because the terrorists may likely come back, it is God that saved us and no one can tell what would happen next," he said.

Our correspondent gathered that hundreds of people from various villages that are under threat are taking refuge in Miringa. Some of the villages include Gur, Buralzi, Talata, Ajigin, Madan, Chara, Dara, Zuwa and Bam.


Similarly, two female suicide bombers on Thursday wreaked havoc in Malari and near Alaw villages in Konduga Local Government Areas of Borno State. In the two separate missions at least 13 people, including the suicide bombers, died while 21 others sustained injuries. But the police said 11 people died in the attacks.

Borno State Police Commissioner, Aderemi Opadokun who confirmed the attacks, said there was an explosion at Malari village on Thursday at about 2:00pm. "A female suicide bomber detonated IED (Improvised Explosive Device) strapped to her body and killing herself and 7 others. Thirteen people sustained injuries in the attack," he said, adding that 13 persons sustained injuries in the first blast.

Kallamu Ango, a trader in Malari said a woman who hid explosives beneath flowing clothes attacked some worshippers who were observing noon prayer at a mosque near the village market. "Nine people were killed and many others sustained injuries," he said. Boko Haram insurgents have stepped up attacks in the past one month and have succeeded in killing hundreds.

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