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Bama returnees bury abandoned corpses

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Chairman of Bama Local Government Area of Borno State, Alhaji Modu Alhaji Gujja and other displaced persons who returned to the town on Monday held a funeral prayer and buried hundreds of corpses dumped under a bridge by Boko Haram militants.

Our correspondent who visited Bama town reports that most of the corpses found under the bridge had decomposed.

One of the returnees, Malim Abba, who spoke after the burial said what happened in Bama was unbelievable, adding that human beings were treated like animals.

"After being displaced for about 14 months, a few of us decided to visit Bama and see the state of things. On arrival, we found hundreds of human beings that were killed and dumped in the river by Boko Haram sect. We assembled the corpses, prayed and buried them. No corpse was even recognizable," he said.

Abba, who said he would return to Maiduguri, said the town is not yet habitable. "Can you see the state of the houses? No right thinking person will advise someone to come and live here. However, the military operatives are doing their best for those who have returned," he said.

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On the ongoing reconstruction of the town, the returnee said though work is ongoing, "it will take time because the town is too big". It would be recalled that Bama was seized on September 1, 2014 by Boko Haram militants and was under the sect until March this year when it was recaptured by Nigerian troops.

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