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100 insurgents killed, 1,000 kidnapped victims rescued

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Some civilians rescued by the military after an operation in Dikwa Local Government Area of Borno State yesterday. Photo: Omirin Olatunji

No fewer than 100 Boko Haram insurgents were killed by soldiers who liberated three Borno villages and rescued over 1,000 women and children abducted by the insurgents.

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The Caretaker Chairman of Dikwa local government, Alhaji Mohammed Ali Gana revealed this while briefing the state Deputy governor, Alhaji Usman Mamman Durkwa who visited the area yesterday.



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Gana, who said he was briefed by soldiers operating in the area, said the soldiers attacked Boboshe, Garidawaji and Mamawari villages in Dikwa local government at the weekend and destroyed Boko Haram camps, killed about a hundred terrorists before rescuing women and children in their captivity.

He said that the soldiers stormed Boboshe when a large number of Boko Haram insurgents gathered at a weekly market in the village where they were buying and selling, saying, "The soldiers had to pass through Cameroun and entered through Kala Balge before getting to the village.

"The soldiers also attacked and destroyed the insurgents' camps at Garidawaji and Mamawari villages but Boboshe has been their stronghold in this area. The rescued victims are here in the IDP camp at Dikwa. We are expecting more rescued victims from other parts of the local government soon," he said.

The Deputy governor, who said there were 52,636 people in the camp at Dikwa, said Governor Kashim Shettima directed him to visit the camp with a view to decongesting it and directed the immediate return of IDPs from Bama and Marte back to their local government areas.

The state Executive Chairman of SEMA, Engineer Satomi Alhaji Ahmed said the camp in Dikwa was housing IDPs from Dikwa, Ngala, Marte, Kala Balge, Bama and Mafa, saying three trailer loads of food and essential commodities have been brought to the camp to enhance better feeding and condition of the displaced persons.

Meanwhile six more corpses were yesterday recovered from the outskirts of Dalori, one of the three villages attacked by Boko Haram insurgents on Saturday evening where 85 people were left dead and many others injured after destroying and burning down over 300 houses.



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