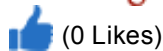


13 killed in Borno attack, 2 arrested

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Thirteen people including four Civilian JTF men and nine civilians were killed in Mussa, a village in Askira Uba local government area of Borno state following Boko Haram's attacks.

One of the fleeing villagers, Alhaji Adamu Musa who said he was in Mussa when the attack took place on Monday night, told this reporter on phone, "The attackers came in a Hilux van while some of them came on foot through the bush. They planted Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) on the outskirts of the village before they drove in around 8pm. They searched every house in the village and carted away food items and valuable property. The operation lasted for three hours. They killed nine people, including two children while the operation lasted."

He said there were no military men around the village, adding, "When our Civilian JTF people were rushing to assist us from a neighbouring village, Wambio, they stepped on the IEDs planted by the terrorists and four Civilian JTF died."

One of the Civilian JTF men that took part in the counter-attack operation told Daily Trust that the Hilux van used for the operation by the insurgents broke down in the village and the terrorists abandoned it. The Civilian JTF official who pleaded anonymity because he said the military banned them from talking to the press, said, "We mobilized our men and went after the fleeing attackers. We caught up with two of them along Damboa road, arrested them and recovered some of the stolen grains from them. We later handed them over to the authorities. The attackers had few guns with them, but we realized that they had a lot of IEDs."