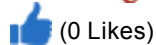


3 die, 7 abducted as Boko Haram attack hunters

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Two hunters and one Boko Haram died as seven hunters were said to have been abducted by the insurgents when tens of insurgents on a hunting outing at the outskirts of Maiduguri were said to have been attacked by insurgents in broad daylight.

A senior member of the hunters association in the state, Malam Abba Abatcha told Daily Trust that about three weeks ago when he and other hunters drove in vehicles to Alau Dam at the outskirts of Maiduguri along Bama road, armed men believed to be Boko Haram insurgents attacked and opened fire on them.

"We disembarked from the vehicles around Alau Dam and walked for about one hour, still in the neighbourhood of Maiduguri. Suddenly, insurgents appeared to us from the nearby bush and opened fire on us. They took us by surprise because we were not expecting them close to Maiduguri.

"We had only Dane guns, machetes and arrows. They killed two of our hunters while we killed one of them. They also kidnapped seven of our men and left with them. We were surprised that they came very close to Maiduguri and attacked us," he said.