

It was also gathered that the insurgents attacked Kanamma villages around 5:45pm yesterday, but many of them met their Waterloo as they were killed by an Air Force fighter jet which mobilized to the site after a distress call.

"The BH fighters did not succeed in Kanamma, they were repelled," said Musa Mohammed, a resident of Geidam, which is not far from Kanamma.

"The terrorists actually attacked Kam village near Kanamma where they sometime ago forcefully recruited many youths. I think they went back to either recruit others but were not successful.

"The village is at a border between Nigeria and Niger, and it is the Musab Albarnawi faction of the sect that is terrorising people there

"It is pleasing that Air Force mobilized immediately. Many of the terrorists were killed by the fighter jet while fleeing in the desert," he said.

A resident in the town, Musaah Baakura, revealed that prior to the Kanamma attack villagers called and warned their relatives of the possibility.

"They said that the insurgents had assembled in a bush, with weapons, trying to hit a target. Many people fled for their lives, some traveled out, some to neighbouring villages while others remained indoors," he said.

In yet another attack, the insurgents reportedly laid ambush on vehicles conveying people and foodstuff along Maiduguri- Damboa road.

"Those ones were desperately looking for food and they succeeded in getting plenty," a security source, who does not want to be quoted, said.