

B/Haram kills 18 firewood, charcoal vendors in Borno

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Boko Haram insurgents Monday killed about 18 processors and vendors of firewood and charcoal in Jere Local Government Area of Borno State, a security source

said yesterday.

According to the source, who is a police officer, some of the victims were beheaded and others gunned down.

The attackers were said to have ambushed their victims who were sourcing the firewood

and processing the charcoal in a bush at Koshebe village of the local government that extended into Maiduguri metropolis.

"There was an attack and ambush on firewood sellers who had gone to the bush to fetch their products by

suspected members of Boko Haram terrorists in Koshebe general area of Jere Local Government Area of Borno state.

"18 dead bodies were seen at the scene of the attacks, but as it is, only 10 dead bodies

were recovered and evacuated so far by our security forces in conjunction with members of Civilian JTF.

"The remaining eight dead bodies were yet to be evacuated due to inaccessibility of the area," the source said.

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