

Many flee as insurgents attack 3 Borno communities

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Hundreds of villagers have fled their homes as suspected Boko Haram insurgents attacked three communities in Hawul Local Government Area of Borno State yesterday.

It was learnt that the invaders came in their dozens and launched attacks on Tashan Allade, Shaffa and Khiributu villages; razing down two EYN churches in Tashan Allade.

A member of the Civilian JTF who spoke on condition of anonymity said the attackers invaded the communities late in the evening.

He said, "As I am speaking with you, they are shooting and you can hear from the background. We are in the bushes, people are running and children are crying. We are helpless."

Another source said the insurgents have allegedly looted a number of shops before setting them on fire. The source said the insurgents have later attacked residents of Shaffa town as well as Sabon Gari near Shani.

The source said earlier on Thursday, insurgents have attacked Sabo da Allah and Kukuruku communities where one person was killed and six others were injured.

The source said scores of insurgents were sighted around Shani, the headquarters of Shani Local Government Area yesterday.

The casualty figure of yesterday's attack has not been ascertained.

It would be recalled that insurgents attacked Garkida village in Adamawa State bordering Hawul LGA on Christmas Eve and killed at least six people and burnt down houses.