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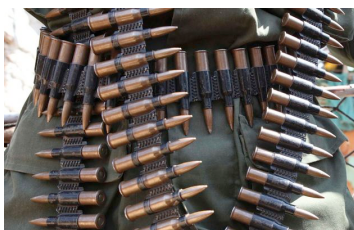
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Nine killed, as Boko Haram fights fake members in Damaturu

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The Boko Haram sect yesterday engaged in a gun battle with some fake members of the dreaded Islamic group in Damaturu, the State Capital of Yobe State, leaving nine persons dead.

The Islamic militants, went into war with fake members of the group, following the increase of crimes in the town, allegedly committed by some criminals who are

hiding under the name of Boko Haram.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the State, Mr. Toyin Gbadegesin, who confirmed the incident, said the police were alerted by the ward head of the area and the bodies were deposited at the mortuary.

Gbadegesin said the affected persons are within ages 18-25 bracket.

He said the bodies were riddled with gunshot injuries and deep knife cuts, indicating intense fighting.

Gbadegesin said one person had been arrested.

The police refused to give details on the gangs that involved in the clash.

But, a resident, who begged for anonymity, said: "It is a clash of Boko Haram members and some boys perceived to be criminals who are committing atrocities in the town under the cover of Boko Haram."

Also speaking, Commissioner of Police Patrick Egbuniwe also said a group of gunmen attacked his men in Gwange, but no life was lost.

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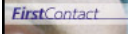
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