

Outrage as attackers kill five in Borno

From Njadvara Musa, Maiduguri
FROM using guns and bombs to eliminate their victims, suspected members of *Boko Haram* yesterday adopted another form of cruelty.

Rather than causing instant death through shooting their victims, they resorted to slitting their throats in Borno State yesterday.

They slit the throats of five persons after their attacks on the houses of nine residents in the Shokari ward of the Maiduguri metropolis.

The attacks on the residents, according to an eyewitness, Yakubu Isa, occurred in Jere Local Council Area of Borno

State.

Isa said in a telephone interview yesterday in Maiduguri that the attackers actually did not use their guns in the selective killings in the area.

Instead, he said they used knives and cutlasses in slitting the throats of residents of Shokari.

When contacted, however, the Joint Task Force (JTF) said that it was not aware of the attacks and killings in the area of Jere

Local Government Area of Borno State.

The JTF spokesman, Lt-Col Sagir Musa, asked this reporter to contact the police for further confirmation and extent

of casualties of yesterday's attacks.

The JTF and the police cordoned off the attacked area, including the two roads leading into Shokari ward.

The Spokesman of the Borno State Police Command, Gideon Jibrin, said in a telephone interview that there were attacks and killings on the outskirts of Maiduguri in one Shokari ward on the Maiduguri-Gambouru road.

He said the assailants were suspected *Boko Haram* gunmen that resorted to the assassination of innocent persons without firing a single gunshot.

He said that this resort to slit-

ting people's throats would not attract the attention of either the JTF or police for repulsion and arrests of suspects.

Meanwhile, Governor Ibrahim Gaidam of Yobe State yesterday relaxed the 13-hour curfew to 10 hours, following a review of the security situation in the state at a meeting with the JTF and other security agencies at the Government House, Damaturu.

The relaxed curfew remains until the security situation improves. In a statement by his Special Adviser on Press Affairs and Information, Abdullahi Bego, Gaidam said that the restriction of movement was in

Damaturu, Potiskum, Buni/Yadi and Gashua.

The statement also reads in part: "As security situations improve in the state, we urge residents to continue cooperate with the Joint Task Force (JTF) and the police, while the state government continues to support security agencies in protecting lives and property in the state."

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The statement added that the people should continue to pray and fast, so that the *Boko Haram* insurgency could be brought to an end and peace and unity restored in Yobe State and the country at large.

The governor also urged residents to use the JTF telephone numbers provided in reporting any suspicious movement in their communities.

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