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Monarch Puts Borno Death Toll At 157, As Shettima Releases N100 Million To Rebuild Houses

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THE death toll in Wednesday's multiple attacks in Bama town, has increased from 34 to 157, after the retrievals of more bodies of residents from the 2, 245 destroyed houses, shops and motor park in three wards, Shehu of Bama, Alhaji Kyari Ibn Ibrahim EI-Kanemi, has stated.

Addressing newsmen during press conference at Bama, after leading reporters and top government officials to destroyed property, the monarch said that after burying 34 bodies at mosque on Wednesday, 123 more bodies were retrieved.

Meanwhile, Borno State Government Friday raised a nine-member panel on the assessment of destroyed houses and property to rebuilding them.

Gov. Kashim Shettima, who was represented by the Commissioner of Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs, Alhaji Babakaka Bashir

Garbai, at the occasion, said that the state government has released the sum of N100 million to the people of Bama to rebuild their houses, shops and Shehu's palace.

He said the panel is to be headed by Alhaji Jidda Shuwa, while Alhaji Ahmed Sanda would serve as secretary to the assessment and rebuilding panel.

Also, members of Concern Women's Forum in Borno state have called on the Federal Government to take "proactive measures" against members of Boko Haram sect.

Spokesperson of the group, Aisha Ali Suleiman, who made the call in a statement yesterday released in Maiduguri, urged members of the National Assembly to prompt Federal Government-led by President Goodluck Jonathan to take "concrete and decisive actions" against insurgency.

Kyari said he narrowly escaped the Wednesday's attack after the insurgents carried out attack

on his palace.

Narrating his ordeal, he said he escaped to an unknown destination as the gunmen were trying to gain access to the palace.

Kyari said 48 people were injured and admitted at the Bama Hospital, adding that out of the injured, 17 were confirmed dead by a chief nursing officer yesterday.

The monarch said 16 patients have been referred to the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital (UMTH) and State

Specialists Hospital, Maiduguri, for treatment of gunshots.

The monarch added that the killings involve key personalities, including the District Head of Goniri,

Alhaji Baba Shehu Terab, Sanda Shettima and among others, in the town.

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