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25 Youths Killed In Borno Attack

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BARELY 24 hours after the Nigerian military killed over 100 suspected Boko Haram terrorists in Konduga, Borno State, members of the Islamist sect have clashed with youths of a vigilante group, killing about 25 persons.

The incident took place at Ngom market, as the youths patrolled the Maiduguri-Dikwa road. The assailants who deployed explosives reportedly arrived in Toyota Hilux vehicles killing 25 members of the Civilian Joint Task Force (CJTF).

The clash, according to one survivor, Ibrahim Yakubu, occurred after the youths sighted the convoy of vehicles approaching Ngom Market and open fired with Dane guns in order to protect themselves. "Unfortunately, without backup from soldiers, the insurgents overpowered," he said.

He said besides the dead, 16 youths sustained various degrees of injury. He said the injured have been taken to an undisclosed hospital in Maiduguri for treatment.

On how they were ambushed, he said: "When we heard of the military operations in Konduga, where over 100 gunmen were killed, we quickly alerted our members to commence patrol of this road, which leads to the market. But we were ambushed by a separate terror group in Hilux vehicles, heading towards Ngom market."

Confirming the incident, yesterday, in Maiduguri, a police source said members of CJTF patrolling the Maiduguri-Dikwa road clashed with insurgents near a market.