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43 feared killed in Borno attack

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MILITARY sources and residents yesterday said that at least 43 people were killed in Borno town of Gubio by suspected Boko Haram gunmen, who came in six Toyota Hilux vehicles laden with Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) and petrol-bombs by 4.30pm Saturday.

A member of vigilante group in Gubio, Ali Fanami

said the insurgents invaded the town at about 4.30pm on Saturday, opened fire on residences, forcing people to flee.

"They opened fire on people. We lost 43 people," Ali told reporters yesterday when the Governor Kashim Shettima paid an unscheduled visit to the town to assess the damage on lives and property.

He said the insurgents burnt over 500 houses,

many vehicles and motorcycles. He also disclosed that the militant Boko Haram parked food items belonging to the locales, and "some of their fighters were busy shooting residents." A leader of the vigilante group, Bukar Mandam said five Boko Haram insurgents were killed even as he appealed to authority to help with surveillance vehicles to safeguard the people.