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NO fewer than 40 persons have been killed by Islamist militants in the Northeast town of Monguno in Borno State.

A local official told British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) reporter in Abuja that they had been slaughtered; another resident said they were shot.

The killings were said to have happened two days ago but details are only now emerging.

Monguno had been over-run and occupied by Boko Haram fighters until they were recently driven out by the Nigerian military.

At least 23 people died in the town last month after a confiscated bomb exploded during celebrations to mark the successful military operation against the Islamists. Eyewitnesses to the latest killings said an unknown number of injured survivors have been rushed to hospital.

Besides, military and police sources in Maiduguri yesterday said about 97 people have been killed in fresh multiple attacks on Kukawa town of Borno State by suspected Boko Haram gunmen. The attackers came in a convoy of Toyota Hilux vehicles and motorcycles laden with explosives, setting houses and shops ablaze.

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