

27 Borno villagers feared killed in fresh *Boko Haram* attack

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① SUSPECTED *Boko Haram* gunmen in a convoy of Toyota Hilux vehicles and motorcycles laden with explosives and petrol-bombs attacked two Borno villages of Pulka and Ngoshe on Wednesday night, killing 27 people, including children and elderly villagers who could not flee for safety.

A resident of Ngoshe, Kwaptak Hirsim, who fled to Maiduguri in a telephone interview yesterday, told *The Guardian* that the insurgents burst into the village after they climbed down from the hills.

"These gunmen burst into this village through the hills at the western flank and started firing gunshots at any villager fleeing, but the elderly could not run, hence some of my neighbours were killed in cold blood," said Hirsim.

He further said: "In Pulka village, a friend of mine also said 12 people were also killed, as the insurgents invaded the village at the Pulka-Kirawa junction, 16 kilometres to Gwoza, which has some soldiers to provide security there."

② Ali Abdul Kassism, a member of the Civilian Joint Task Force (CJTF), also said that Kolori and Baa'na villages were also attacked in the early hours of Tuesday, killing nine people.

He said the insurgents disguised as horse riders and attacked the twin villages when the people were still asleep in their houses.