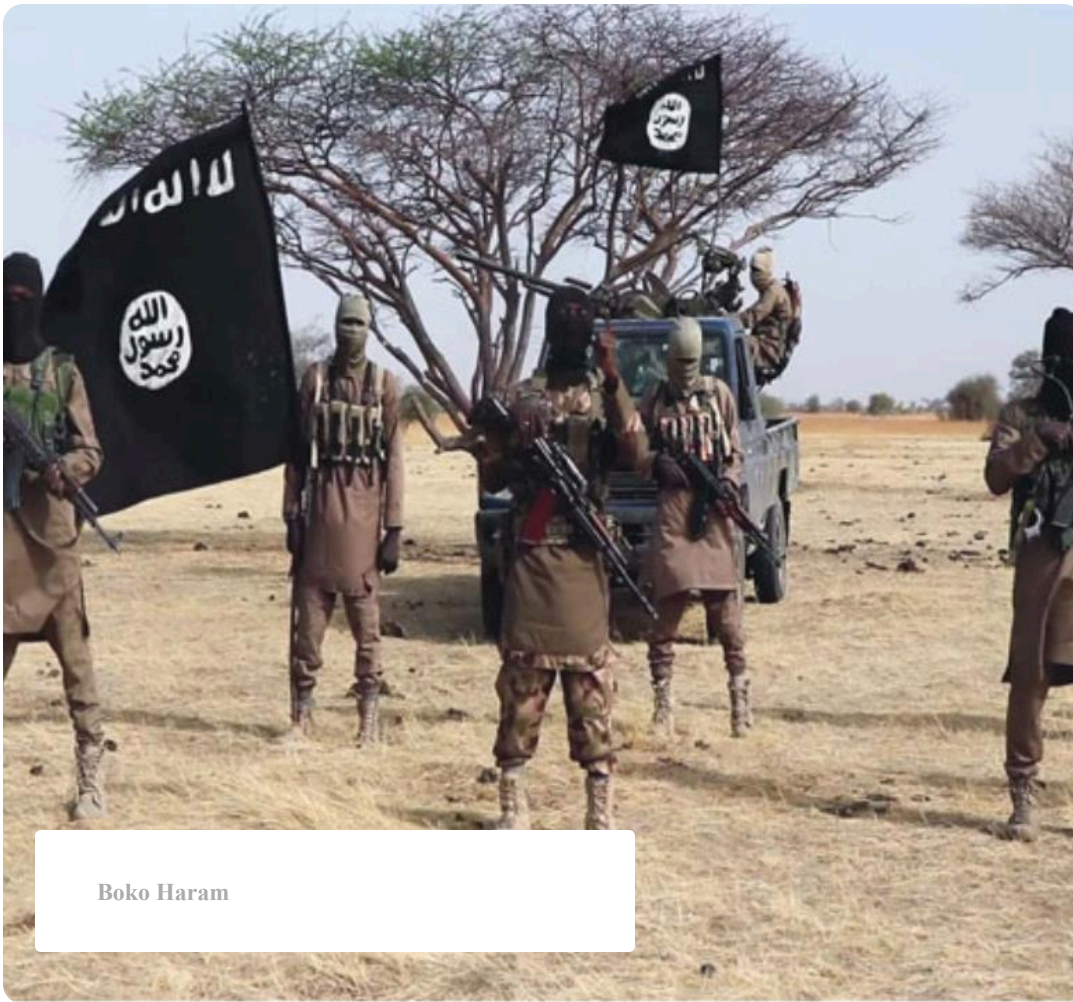


# Boko Haram kills nine in Borno as govt settles families

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Nine people have been killed in an attack on Malam Fatori in Abadam Local Council of Borno State.

The onslaught also left four others injured in the border community that is 272 kilometres from Maiduguri.

In a statement, Governor Babagana Zulum, who was represented by the Commissioner for Local Government and Emirate Affairs, Sugun Mele, condoled with the affected families and donated cash to them.

“We are here at the instance of His Excellency, Governor Babagana Umara Zulum, who is out of the country on an

official assignment, to condole with the people of Malam Fatori over the recent unfortunate attack. He assured that the Borno State government and the military will do everything possible to secure the town,” he said.

Beyond the state government’s protections, Mele also assured them of the military securing the border community against the terrorists, who are currently in the hideouts of the Lake Chad region.

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He said: “We’ll do everything to secure and continue to protect the border town, 286 kilometres north of Maiduguri, the state capital. Malam Fatori was severely attacked by Boko Haram and Islamic State West African Province (ISWAP) terrorists.”

He noted that the insurgents usually take advantage of the difficult desert terrain by launching attacks on both residents and the military bases in the region.

Highlighting the significance of protecting border communities, the commissioner submitted: “Malam Fatori is one local government area that we are committed to ensuring its stability because of its strategic importance.”