

# BOKO HARAM KILLS SIX POLICEMEN IN SOKOTO

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- Claims responsibility for killing of soldiers in Yobe
- Killings barbaric, inhuman, says Mark
- North will pay dearly for sect's activities – *Dokubo-Asari*

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**BARELY** one week after launching deadly attacks on two police stations in Sokoto State, the terrorist Islamic sect, Jama'atu Ahlis Sunnah Lidda'awati Wal Jihad, otherwise known as Boko Haram, on Monday launched a fresh attack on Shagari Police Station, killing six policemen, including a Superintendent of Police (SP).

*Daily Independent* gathered last night that a sect member rammed a red coloured Honda Accord saloon car loaded with explosive devices into the police station located few metres away from the residence of former President Shehu Shagari, killing the policemen and himself.

The incident happened at about 6.45 p.m.

Acting Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Frank Mbah, confirmed the attack in a telephone interview from Abuja. Mbah could not however confirm the number of casualties.

"I just got the information now, and I am trying to ascertain the veracity of the report. When I get details,

I will get back to you, please. But certainly there will be casualties as the police station is usually busy," he said.

Meanwhile, the group on Monday also claimed responsibility for the killing of soldiers in last weekend's attacks against security operatives.

Spokesperson of the sect, Abul Qaqa, claimed that the security operatives were killed in Kaleri, Maiduguri, Damaturu and Gombe.

He further stated that in Damaturu, a sect member detonated a car loaded with explosive devices, killing some soldiers.

In an email sent to reporters, Qaqa said: "On Saturday at about 6 o'clock in the evening, our warriors and Allah's followers on a mission were attacked by security operatives of the JTF at Kaleri in Maiduguri.

"As Allah's grace is on us we succeeded in killing and sending many of them to their graves.

"However, we triumphed in killing six soldiers in an encounter in Gombe town. We also, got victory in Damaturu at 12 noon when the JTF attempted to capture one of our faithful in a car loaded with bombs at their check point. He killed them on alert of their evil intention."

But Senate President, David Mark, while reacting on Monday to the insurgents' activities lamented the killing of six soldiers and two police officers of the Joint Task Force in Damaturu, Yobe State, at the weekend.

He described the death of the operatives as shocking.

Mark, who said the action of their killers was "barbaric and inhuman", added that their death was a painful loss as they died in active defence of their fatherland.

"They died in active defence of the people as well as their fatherland. They will not die in vain because their acts of valour shall be etched on the conscience of our nation," he said.

Commiserating with the Chief of Army Staff, Azubuike Ihejirika, and the Inspector General (IG) of Police, Mohammed Abubakar, Mark urged them "not to relent in their fight against Boko Haram and other forms of terrorism in our country," adding that the rank and file must also keep their obligation to the nation.

The Senate President also reiterated his call on the leaders and members of the Boko Haram sect to accept the dialogue option offered by the Federal Government to halt the spate of killings in the country, particularly in the North.

He expressed condolences to the government and people of Yobe State as well as the families of the officers and men who died in the attack.

President of the Niger Delta Peoples Volunteer Force (NDPVF), Mujaheed Dokubo-Asari, also reacted to the ongoing insurgency in the country, calling on people in the North to set up neighborhood vigilance to tackle the Boko Haram menace.

He also called on President Goodluck Jonathan "to settle down and do the work for which he was elected and stop globe trotting."

Addressing journalists at the Abuja Sheraton Hotel, Dokubo-Asari advised that the vigilance groups should protect mosques, churches, palaces of their traditional rulers, noting that members of the Boko Haram were human beings.

Dokubo-Asari, who expressed support for the recent declaration of autonomy by the Ogoni people, warned that more communities in the country would soon follow the Ogoni precedent.

He also called on the North to prepare for war, as according to him, the Ijaw people were running out of patience.

Dokubo-Asari said it was in the interest of the North to embrace peace now or be ready to face the consequences.

He warned members of the Boko Haram sect to remember that they alone did not have monopoly of violence, threatening that the Niger Delta would successfully isolate the North by blocking its access to the coast in time of war.

"These small small bombs they are throwing about; we don't make bombs, we buy bombs," Dokubo-Asari said.

He, however, disagreed with the Ijaw leader, Edwin Clarke, that two former Heads of State, Muhammadu Buhari and Ibrahim Babangida, should have spoken out against the insurgency, saying he did not believe that Buhari and Babangida were behind the sect.

While calling on members of Boko Haram to lay down their arms, Dokubo-Asari said the Ijaw people were capable of fighting back if pushed to the wall.

According to him, "It is in the interest of the North to make sure that the Boko Haram insurgency did not degenerate into civil war as the North would ultimately be the loser from the insurgency. It is the North that needs peace more than us. We carry the resources.

"The coastal area is in our hands. People should tell the North. Even the Presidency is in our hands. They should stop being arrogant. The northern people should ask Buhari, Babangida and other leaders of theirs what they did with power when they had it for so long," he added.

He said the Ijaw people were capable of protecting and defending Jonathan, just as he added that they would take up arms if Jonathan was harmed.

He described as an insult the call by Boko Haram on Jonathan to step down and embrace Islam.

He called on the President to allow a sovereign national conference to take place as he noted that, "We are just postponing the evil day. The time to call a sovereign national conference is now.

"Why is the North opposed to a sovereign national conference? Why is the North opposed to state police? Why is the North opposed to fiscal federalism?"

He advised Jonathan to stop travelling abroad and face the work for which he was elected.

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