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## Pastor, nine others killed in fresh Adamawa attack

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**Barely** a week after unknown gunmen attacked a Catholic Church at Chakawa village in Madagali local government area of Adamawa State, killing over 50 persons, another community in the area has again been attacked by gunmen believed to be members of the **Boko Haram sect**.

In this fresh attack, **10 persons, including a pastor, were killed**.

**The attack occurred on Friday night at EYN Church, Sabon Gari Gemadai ward in Gulak, Madagali local government.**

Chairman of the local government, Ularamu Maina, who confirmed the attack, said the pastor-in-charge of the church was among those killed.

**He said that at about 8.30pm on Friday, the attackers in their large number, stormed the church where worshippers were undergoing a vigil.**

“On entering the church, the attackers started shooting sporadically, killing many people, including the pastor”, he lamented.

“The ensuing commotion and confusion left the town deserted as people ran in all directions for safety, even as the attackers continued to unleash terror and wanton killings”, the council boss said.

The attack came hours after the Speaker of the Adamawa State House of Assembly, Ahmadu Fintiri, visited Chakawa village, venue of last week’s attack where he sympathised with the people and donated some relief materials.

The Speaker, while fielding questions from Newsmen, called on the Federal Government to, as a matter of urgency, deploy more troops to the area, to enable them cover the nooks and crannies of the mountainous terrain.

He observed that presently, the state of emergency in existence in the state only covers the highways, leaving the rural dwellers at the mercy of the attackers.

Fintiri warned that unless urgent measures are adopted by relevant authorities, people of Madagali local government, which shares boundary with Borno State might be forced to migrate *en masse*.

Apart from the insurgency attack on Madagali, the local government has of recent become a hot political bed in the state as the Deputy Governor, Bala James Ngillari, Special Adviser on politics to Mr. President, Ahmed Gulak, and the Adamawa House Speaker, Ahmadu Fintiri, all hail from the local government and belong to different political groups.

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