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Gunmen kill 20 in Yobe mosque

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Unknown gunmen reportedly opened fire in a mosque in Yobe State, killing no fewer than 20 worshippers.

According to one of the survivors of the attack, Musa Ibrahim, a civil servant, the gunmen struck before dawn Saturday as residents of Buni Gari village were gathering for the first prayer of the day.

The village is about 100 kilometers south of the Yobe State capital of Damaturu in an area that has been attacked numerous times.

Meanwhile, soldiers deployed to the volatile state of Nasarawa on Friday recorded yet another success as they killed no fewer than 10 insurgents while on patrol in Awe local council area of the state.

Sunday Independent reliable gathered that the soldiers ran into one of the insurgents hide out in Awe, which is a settlement for the attackers who allegedly first opened fire on sighting the Presidential Task Force code-named "Operation Restore Peace".

Reliable sources *told Sunday Independent* that 5 AK 47 riffles were retrieved from the felled insurgents, while the operation continued to fish out more of the criminal

elements.

On Friday, the state governor, Umaru Tanko Al-Makura, visited Keana local council, the first port of call for the troops since their deployment, where they killed no fewer than 50 insurgents in their operation.

The governor said while addressing the people, including the traditional head of Keana, daid there are no insurgents in his domain, insisting that the insurgents were in the forest and in the Benue valley where he noted they move to other states affected in the ongoing violent campaigns.

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