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## Glo takes mobile money to pharmacists

GLOBALCOM'S mobile money service, which runs on the network's TextCash platform, has been described as the veritable tool to fast-track the implementation of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN)'s cash-less policy.

Making a presentation to members of the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria (PSN) during the Society's 2014 Annual Luncheon held at the Sheraton Hotel in Ikeja, Lagos recently, Globacom's head of Mobile Money, Esaie Diei, said Glo partnered with the PSN to facilitate the So-

## Death toll in Borno attack rises to 310

**SURVIVORS** and rescue workers said on Wednesday that they had pulled out charred remains of people burnt en masse in various shops within the main GamboruMarket in Borno State after Boko Haram attacked the border town on Monday.

A resident of Gamboru, Abubakar Mustapha, who made it to Maiduguri, said he could not stand the horror of seeing corpses of burnt persons huddled together in small shops where they ran into for refuge, as Boko Haram terrorists waged a massive offensive on the residents.

"You know the market was cordoned off by soldiers since the day of the attack; nobody went near the market until today (Wednesday) and unfortunately, we found many dead bodies in destroyed shops. There are some Chadian and Cameroonian traders among them who hid in shops too; many of the people were burnt beyond recognition," said the visibly traumatised man.

A security official confirmed this and said the market massacre added up to the death toll that now stands at over a hundred

on the attack on the border community between Nigeria and Cameroon.

A senator representing Gamboru area in the National Assembly had put the death toll at over 300.

Abubakar added: "it seems they hid in the shops in order not to be killed while fleeing, unfortunately, several explosives were thrown into the market".

A news agency gathered from sources in Gamboru, though not verified from security sources, that the insurgents were spotted in some villages around Gamboru few hours before

they launched the attack, but the security operatives there did not respond to the villagers alert on time.

"When the security heard this, they mobilized together with civilian JTF and headed towards the area and that was when the assailants stormed the town from another direction and subdued the few security officials on ground before burning the town", said another Gamboru resident who does not want to be named.

The Gamboru attack comes at a period world leaders have pledged to assist Nigeria find the over-

## Lagos to shut Masha bridges for repair works

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THE Lagos State Government, on Thursday, said it would shut two bridges along Alhaji Masha Road in Surulere Local Government Area for 20 days to enable repair works on the bridges.

The government said the closure was to enable it continue the bridge expansion joints replacement exercise, saying the repair work on the bridges would take place between Saturday 10 and Friday 30 May, 2014.

Commissioner for Transportation, Kayode Opeifa,