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Boko Haram abducts 100 young men from Borno community





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There was further panic on Thursday in Maiduguri, following news that the dreaded Islamic extremist sect known as Boko Haram has abducted about 100 persons from Doron Baga, a Borno community.

A source, who spoke to journalists in the state capital, said the insurgents attacked the lowly town on Sunday evening and took away some boys and young men, adding that about 10 persons were killed by the insurgents during the raid.

It is believed that the abducted male may be forcefully conscripted.

Some of those whose successfully fled the area, and were sighted in Maiduguri on Thursday, lamented the constant attack by the insurgents.

One of them, Halima Alhaji Adamu, said six members of Hadejia community in Doron Baga were killed during the Sunday attack, when the insurgents launched an attack on their community, displacing thousands who are now seeking refuge in some parts of Borno and Yobe state.

The young women who spoke at the popular motor garage in Maiduguri, said they were heading for Gashua in Yobe State along with the rest of her family, lamenting that she lost her husband in the attack.

She expressed belief that the insurgents abducted the young men to forcefully conscript them.

According to her, several other communities within Doron Baga and the surroundings have also lost many members of their families, as well as others who were abducted by the insurgents.

"The attack was on Sunday. In my family, they killed six persons. I don't know about the other families, but the Hadaijawa community which I belong to also have about 100 people who were abducted by the insurgents."

Speaking on why she and the rest of her family could not take advantage of the refugee camps established in Maiduguri, she said "we are going to our family members in Gashua.

"I think it is better to go and live with family members than opting for camps. We lost everything we have worked for, and I don't think the camp will be a better place for us. With family members, we can have the courage to face life again, but the camp will continue to make us reflect on our predicament, because there is no care as such no focus for one to engage himself or herself into doing something meaningful." She added.

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