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3 Killed As Boko Haram Attacks Village Market In Borno

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Three persons have been confirmed dead and several others injured from bullet wounds when gunmen suspected to be members the Boko Haram attacked a village market along Maiduguri-Kano Road on Sunday.

According to an eyewitness, the gunmen, numbering about 30, stormed the Ladi-Kayamla Market, that take place every Sunday at about 3pm and began to

shoot sporadically.

Ladi-Kayamla, situated some 25km away from Maiduguri, is an all-grain market where traders from various towns around the city of Maiduguri, the Borno State capital sell and buy maize, millet, beans and groundnuts.

A cab driver in Maiduguri, Malami Muhammed whose 41 years old brother, Modu Asheye, also a taxi driver, was killed during the attack, said many of the traders in the market escaped death because they sighted the gunmen from afar as they were advancing towards the market.

Mohammed said, "My brother, who normally takes passengers to and from Ladi-Kayamla village market was waiting for his passengers to finish their business before bringing them back to Maiduguri. As he was about loading his vehicle with the goods of the traders, he saw marketers fleeing from the market, and before he could also escape, some gunmen waylaid him and shot him thrice".

The Spokesman of the 7 Division of the Nigeria Army, Col Muhammed Dole, who confirmed the attack to journalists on phone, said the military did not get the alert on time.

He said, "By the time our deployed troops got there, the terrorists had long gone. But we are still on their trail. I cannot really confirm if anyone was killed during the attack".

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