

## Many Insurgents Killed, 18 Arrested, As Soldiers, Civilian-JTF Repel Attack On Borno Village

More than a dozen members of the Boko Haram sect were reportedly killed and 18 others arrested during an attack that was effectively repelled by a joint force of soldiers and members of the Civilian-JTF on Sunday night, officials and eyewitnesses said.

The attack on Kanuri village, which was about the second this year, was carried out at about 1am when gunmen of the Boko Haram, driving in four trucks invaded the village.

But the security operatives who were on red alert took them by surprise when they opened fire on them, killing many and arresting 18 others.

An official of the local youth vigilante, Civilian-JTF, Mamman Yakubu, who confirmed the incident, said he could not give exact figures of those killed on the side of the Boko Haram.

"We were able to kill many of the terrorists who invaded our community yesterday at about 1am; they came in droves but with the assistance of the security operatives and residents, we repelled the attack. The attackers were very sharp in picking corpses of their colleagues on the streets; even this morning, there were three bodies of the attackers recovered."

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