Three dead in Kano Boko Haram attack

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Three persons were feared dead yesterday when gunmen struck at Freedom Radio Junction, Sharada Quarters, shooting into a crowd.

Residents described the attack as another serious dimension to the wave of violence associated with the dreaded Boko Haram sect.

The incident, which occurred at about 6.30 pm, sent residents into fear and apprehension as they scampered for safety following sounds of sporadic gunshots.

Eyewitnesses said guns boomed for more than 30 minutes, forcing people to run helter-skelter.

"Two gunmen on a motor bike stormed the area at about 6:30 this evening. They shot into a crowd playing cards. They must have sighted men in police uniform," a witness said, adding:

"About two civilians and one policeman lost their lives. I believe a number of people must have been injured as there was pandemonium when the incident occurred," said a Sharada resident who pleaded anonymity.

Confirming the incident through a text message, ASP Musa Magaji

Majiya, spokesman of Kano Police Command, said: "Gunmen on motorcycle attacked and killed two civilians and injured one at a joint of card-playing along Sharada by Freedom Radio junction.

"Suspects fled immediately before the arrival of the police patrol teams. Investigations commence."

Men of the Kano Joint Task force cordoned off the area last night.

Also yesterday, the sect foreclosed returning to the round table with the Federal Government on how to end its insurgency.

It cited what it called insincerity on the part of the Federal Government as the reason.

The group, in a teleconference with reporters in Maiduguri, said: "Almighty God has told us repeatedly that the unbelievers will never respect any proposal for dialogue."

Abdu Qaqa, the spokesman of the group, said the government has shown that it was not willing to keep the promises it made in the media over its willingness for dialogue. Qaqa said the sect will continue with its Jihad.He said: "We would never respect any move for negotiations between our group and the government never again.

"Not long ago, President Goodluck Jonathan made a public statement urging us to come forward for dialogue. He also said we should make our demands clear with a view to resolving the protracted problem in the country.

"The first condition we gave was the need for unconditional release of all our members. There was initial meeting between us and the government and in the process, one of our members, Abu Dardaa,

was arrested in Kaduna.

"Since then, we never trusted the government. However, following endless plea by some notable Nigerians whom we have enormous respect for, we resolved to give dialogue another chance.

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Chimereze

The Jihad must consume you people and any body that believes in your course in Jesus name. Amen

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The boko haram sect declared war on Nigeria without giving the nation the chance to have an idea of what their grievances were. And now that most of their key members have been apprehended by security operatives, they are now coming up with various gimmicks to make the government look as the party that is not ready for dialogue. It should be stated loud and clear to the boko haram sect, their sponsors and backers, that they cannot wage war against the government and hope to dislodge it successfully. When they are ready for dialogue, they should cease all the hostilities they are currently unleashing against innocent citizens and security officers, choose a venue and then come out of hiding to air their views, so that the country can go forward.

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Sofi

Boko Haram and Goodluck. Don't dialogue, if you do may God and Allah solder your 'yansh' respectively. So be it

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Correct guy.

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Francis510

Bako Haramers just continue killing your people. Bunch of animals. Dont ever come to south ooooo. We are ready for you animals, Jihadist, terrorist and blood suckers.

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TOBBY777

If boko haram really want to negotiate with the government, they should drop their arms, state their grievances, but keeping their arms, blowing up people, shoting innocents nigerians in market places and asking for the release of their members is totally untenable. boko haram are running their mouth because the government is not ready to prosecute them. If all those arrested in connection with boko haram are given speedy trials including their sponsors, these guys will have a change of heart, but since a guy who claimed to have bombed inec office and killed more than 25 persons in his bombing career was sentenced to three years in prisonment and the government deliberate

refusal to prosecute the senator accused of giving out vital informatios to boko haram is an open invitation to crime. I WEEP FOR MY COUNTRY.

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Akparawa

If killing and maiming is the meaning of boko haram, please go ahead. Listen not to the voice of wisdom. The only thing is that you should restrict it to the North. My thinking is that the SECT has no respect fore human lives. The south respects lives a lot. Repeat restrict your activities to the North we support you

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Nelly

Sometimes i begin to wonder why some unlearned fools that called themselves BOKO HARAM, will start intimidating innocent Nigerians with their fake believe using the name of Allah to cover their wickedness. Is this what Islam is all about? I doubt bcoz i have come in contact with some niece moslems. Boko Haram, make una nyash fall for gutter. Anyways, i didn't blame u guys, i put the blame on ur wicked and heartless leaders from the North (i didn't mention name'o) who for their selfish interest said they will make Nigeria ungovernable and

think they are the owners of this great country.

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Trinityplus2006

The government should unleash the army on these bastards before the situation gets out of hand. Enough is enough is enough. We cannot compromise our sovereignty.

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Baba4Warri

Boko Haram is just one of the vices of satan at this time and Nigeria will weather through it in Jesus name. They and their irresponsible sponsors will meet their waterloo when the time is up. How can a group of idiots think they can pull the country down with their stupid reason of Jihad in a secular country. Nigerian Govt should not even think of having any form of dialogue with these criminals because i trust Jehovah God will bring them down at His own appointed time.

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Okeyifionu

Boko Haram should know that killings doesn't change

anything. They should learn from Algerian's experience in the late 80s and 90s. The islamic militants then in Algeria where killing innocent villagers while the elites were busy enjoying in Algiers and they couldn't get to them. At the end they had to renounce violence because they couldn't change the government and at the same time destroying the people they were ment to govern assuming they were able to get into power.

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