

Sect kills seven in Borno, Kano

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There seems to be no let-up in the Boko Haram violence.



Five people, including a policeman, were killed after the sect launched a series of attacks in a Nigeria-

Cameroun border town in Borno State.

A police station, Nigerian Immigration Service (NIS) office and a Customs outpost were also attacked by gun-wielding men of the sect.

↓ Two businessmen were killed in Kano during the Easter holidays.

Kano witnessed the sect's worst attack early this year when almost 200 people were killed in one fell swoop.

The Tuesday night attacks took place at [Banki, a Nigerian town bordering Cameroon](#).

It was gathered that when the fundamentalists came into the town,

they shot sporadically into the air to cause panic and scare people before moving on to attack the security facilities.

Confirming the attack, Joint Task Force (JTF) spokesman Lt.-Col. Sagir Musa said: "Banki police station, Immigration and Customs outposts were attacked yesterday (Tuesday) night between 0700 and 0945 hours in Banki town by suspected gunmen."

"They shot sporadically to cause panic before moving to attack the formations," Lt.-Col. Musa confirmed that the hoodlums burnt down the immigration and Customs outposts.

He added that unconfirmed number of rifles were recovered while private vehicles were damaged by the gunmen.

He, however, said they were repelled while attempting to raze down the police station in the town.

The JTF spokesman said three civilians died alongside a police officer. He said an immigration officer was feared dead.

He said the gunmen came in a saloon car, armed with AK47 rifles. Lt.-Col. Musa said the saloon car and two AK47 rifles were recovered.

He said the situation had been brought under control and normalcy restored in the town.

Two businessmen were attacked and killed in similar circumstances in their homes at Sharada and Shagari quarters in Kano by gunmen suspected to be Boko Haram militants between Easter Monday and Tuesday.

According to an eyewitness account, the first incident happened on Easter Monday between 9 30 and 10 am at Shagari Quarters in Kumbotso Local Government Area when two gunmen, riding on a motorbike, shot dead Joshua Emma in front of his house and immediately fled the scene.

Joshua, a businessman at Sabon Gari Market, was shot dead while brushing his teeth.

Shortly after he was shot dead, according to the eyewitness, the assailants fled, but within five minutes, operatives of the Joint Task Force (JTF) arrived at the scene aboard six Toyota Hilux vans, supported with an Armoured Personnel Carrier (APC). They cordoned off the area in a desperate search for the attackers.

Soon after the JTF operatives embarked on an intensive search for the Islamic militants, some policemen arrived at the scene and conveyed the body of the businessman, who was said to have hailed from Akwa Ibom State, to the Murtala Mohammed Specialist Hospital Mortuary.

On Tuesday in Sharada between 7pm and 8pm, a businessman was shot dead by unknown gunmen riding on a motorbike, as he was parking his vehicle.

After the shooting, the gunmen, according to witnesses, escaped from the scene. The late businessman, identified as Yusuf, hailed from Fegge in the city, but lives in Sharada.

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