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- Eight injured
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Three people were killed and eight others injured at the weekend when suspected Boko Haram members attacked residents of Bama Local Government Area of Borno State.

The insurgents reportedly stormed some homes of the residents, using knives and machetes on their victims, instead of the usual guns, apparently to evade security operatives and youth vigilantes, called "Civilian JTF".

The youths have been hunting down the insurgents for some time.

Bama is a transit town of about 67 kilometres from Maiduguri, the state capital. It is believed to be one of the strongholds of the insurgents in the state.

The area has witnessed series of coordinated attacks which have resulted in massive loss of life and property

A security source told our reporters that the insurgents resorted to using knives to slit their victims' throats.

This, it was learnt, is a quiet way to kill their victims without using the gun, which makes loud noise and attract security agencies and the young vigilantes.

The security agencies assured the residents that they would soon end insurgency in the state.

A resident in Bama, who spoke in confidence, told our reporter that the remains of the three victims have been buried in the town. The injured are receiving treatment at the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital (UMTH).

A nurse at the UMTH confirmed the incident.

She said the eight injured victims were responding to treatment.

Police spokesman, Gideon Jubrin, a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) and his counterpart for the military Joint Task Force (JTF), Lt.-Col. Sagir Musa, could not be reached for comments because of the suspension of telecommunications services and the state of emergency in the state.

The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) said it has registered over 4,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) following last week's attack on Dumba village, near Baga, Borno State.

A statement by the NEMA's Information Officer for the Northeast, Mallam Abdulkadir Ibrahim, said the IDPs

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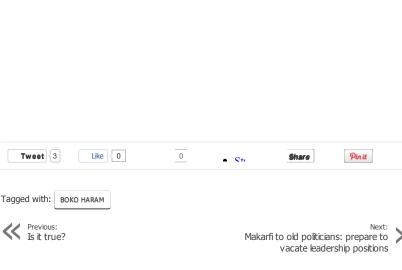
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were registered in Baga.

The statement explained that those registered are mostly fishermen and farmers from Dumba village in Kukawa Local Government Area.

The area was attacked by the insurgents on August 20.

Ibrahim said the Zonal Co-ordinator of the agency, Alhaji Muhammed Kanar, led the team to register the IDPs at the Central Primary School in Baga.



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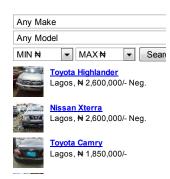
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