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The death toll in suspected Boko Haram's latest attack at Benisheik in Borno State has risen to 142.

During the attack, the suspected insurgents dressed as soldiers, mounted checkpoints and shot travellers on a highway.

"We recovered 55 bodies on Wednesday and 87 on Thursday," Abdulaziz Kolomi, an official of the Environmental Protection Agency in Borno State, told AFP.

The previous casualty figure was 87.

The insurgents, suspected to be Boko Haram members, also torched buildings.

The motive behind the assault was not clear, but suspected Boko Haram members have carried out reprisals on residents over the emergence of vigilance groups, which were formed to assist the military.

Residents said the attackers targeted people from Borno State, allowing other people to go scot-free.

Benisheik was also a scene of clashes on September 8 between suspected Boko Haram gunmen and members of vigilance groups.

Suspected Boko Haram members last night shot dead three policemen in Kano, it was learnt.

The incident happened around 9:40 pm at Kabuga quarters in the ancient city of Kano.

Kano, which has been relatively peaceful, was yesterday reawakened to the insurgents'onslaught.

Information were sketchy, but sources said the Boko Haram members stormed a particular spot where the policemen were keeping vigil.

The terrorists shot and killed them before escaping.

Residents confirmed the killings. Police spokesman Mogaji Majia said he was aware of the killings, but had not been officially briefed.



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