

24 killed in Borno separate attacks

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service was on. Our church has some men as security group. They usually keep vigilance of the church especially when service is going on. As we were holding service, we started hearing gunshots and everybody fled, some through the windows and ran into bush. Some whose houses are near the church also ran to their houses. Men in the community immediately mobilised and pursued the Boko Haram men. They were more than 10, they came on motorcycles and a car. Our vigilante killed four of the Boko Haram men and arrested three. I later discovered nine of our men in the church security group were shot dead. I left Attagara yesterday afternoon, slept at Gwoza to get to Maiduguri today," Matha said.

Miss Noami Idrissa Gwoshe, whose mother was among those taking refuge on top of Mandara mountains before the attack, said in Maiduguri that their family house, near burnt churches was also set ablaze.

Also in Gwoshe town in Gwoza, suspected members of the Boko Haram on Sunday morning burnt down many houses, shops and two churches.

Military patrol troops repelled an ambush in Buratai community in Biu town. The troops, who fell into ambush laid by the terrorists while on patrol, engaged them in a decisive fire fight killing four of them and capturing one alive. Also in Kawuri village of Konduga Local Government, troops killed five terrorists in a shootout. The troops also captured two AK 47 rifles and two vehicles used by the terrorists.