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## Boko Haram kills scores in captured town

**B**OKO Haram gunmen have killed scores of residents in a town on the border with Cameroon that they captured in recent raids, witnesses told AFP on Saturday. The militants seized Gamboru Ngala earlier this week after taking over military and police facilities in a fierce gun battle which forced thousands of residents across the border into Cameroon.

The residents fled to Fotokol for fear of attack by the Islamists, despite being told they were only after security personnel and local vigilantes. "They are now killing people like chickens," said Sidi Kyarimi, a

Gamboru resident who fled to Fotokol on Friday. "They started by selective killings and later went on a killing spree." Among those killed included the town's highest Muslim cleric and the head of its traders' union, he said. "They threaten to kill anybody who refuses to leave the town.

They say we don't belong," he added. The insurgents were roaming the streets of the town carrying guns and machetes, shooting and hacking to death residents, said Yusuf Sanda, who also fled to Fotokol. "They have been breaking

into homes and shops and looting them," he said. "Initially they said we were free to stay or leave but now they are saying all residents should leave the town because it is now an Islamic Caliphate." Sanda said he escaped to Fotokol by wading through the shallow river on the border because it was too dangerous to walk the streets with the insurgents on the prowl.

Boko Haram has in recent weeks seized territory in northern Borno state near the border with Cameroon in an apparent move to carve out a state for themselves.

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