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Boko Haram insurgents attacked a market some 20 kilometres from Maiduguri, the Borno State capital at the weekend as soldiers battled the sect in Konduga.

The attack on Ngom village was apparently to distract the army from the Konduga battle in which about 200 insurgent reportedly lost their lives.

Witnesses said about 50 gunmen on motorbikes stormed the weekly market in Ngom at about 1:00 pm on **Friday and opened fire, they said.**

Agence France Presse (AFP) quoted a fleeing resident, Tanimu Goni, as saying **"They (Boko Haram) came on motorcycles and opened fire on the market. They killed many people."**

Another trader, Nafiu Umarari, said: **"They fired indiscriminately and killed a lot of people."**

Neither witness gave a precise figure and there was no official word from the military

The men said the insurgents seized vehicles and looted sacks of grain before fleeing but were pursued by a team of soldiers and civilian vigilantes from Maiduguri.

"The soldiers and the civilian (vigilantes) succeeded in killing dozens of the Boko Haram fighters but many of them escaped into the bush," Goni said in an account supported by Umarari.

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