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In what was apparently a reprisal attack also on Saturday, Boko Haram insurgents seized Hong town, the administrative headquarters of Hong Local Government Area of Adamawa State.

This follows the recent hit on the insurgents by the combined efforts of local hunters and civilian JTF in Mubi, Adamawa State, resulting in the killing of several insurgents while others were chased them out of Mubi and Mahia.

A security source disclosed that the insurgents launched a reprisal attack on Hong town in the early hours of Saturday after they thought that the insurgents had fled the area for the fear of the local hunters.

He said the insurgents burnt down a police station and killed an undisclosed number of persons.

The source said soon after they were flushed out of Mubi, the sect relocated to a primary school in Manjakwa, Hawul Local Government of Borno, restricted movement of villagers in the neighbouring villages of Kwajjaffa, Tashan-Alade and other smaller settlements around Manjakwa village of Hawul Local Government.

One of the eyewitnesses told newsmen on Saturday morning that he saw insurgents slaughter three people while others were lined up to be slaughtered.

Reacting, former minister of state, Health, Aliyu Idi Hong, who hails from the area, confirmed the attack to journalists in Yola.

He added that a few days ago, the insurgents had attacked two villages in Hong Local Government area, killing at least five persons.

A resident of the area revealed that the militants attacked the residence of a retired general near Hong.

At about 2pm of Saturday the insurgents were in control of Hong town.

However, residents said the local hunters have been alerted to come to the rescue of the town.

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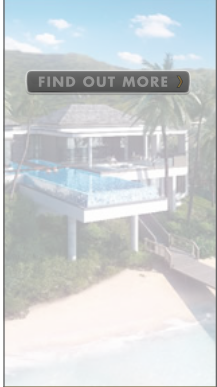
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Fleeing residents of Hong were optimistic that before sunset, the hunters will deliver the area from the clutches of the Boko Haram insurgents.

Military authorities in Yola could not be reached for comment on the attack.

The insurgents had earlier attacked Chibok town, killing not less than 30 people and burning down houses in what was described as hit and run while fleeing Mubi town as a result of heavy military power, which overwhelmed the sect.

After Chibok, the sect attacked Hong local government area of Adamawa State as well as Gombi Local Government area before proceeding to Manjakwa to assemble at the primary school where they are currently tormenting villagers.

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