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At least 45 villagers were feared killed in Wednesday's attack on Azaya Kura village, Mafa local government area of Borno State, by suspected Boko Haram members.

Mafa is a border community with Cameroon, and 40 kilometres west of Maiduguri, the state capital.

An eyewitness who escaped to Maiduguri told The Nation that the suspected Boko Haram insurgents rode in convoy of unspecified number Toyota Hilux vehicles and motorcycles into the village and started shooting on sight and burning houses as the villagers took to their heels.

An official of the local government said the insurgents also destroyed several houses and shops in the village and went away with large quantity of foodstuff and livestock from the area.

"Most of us had to flee our homes nearly two months ago, after the Boko Haram established their authority in the area. And on Wednesday, the same militants came again to kill 45 villagers that refused to flee to Maiduguri," said the fleeing local government official who does not want his name mentioned.

He continued: "Since then, attacks on surrounding villages and hamlets have continued unabated but only a few of such cases were heard of."

Ibrahim Jibrillu, a farmer also disclosed that the insurgents attacked Azaya Kura village at noon on Wednesday, "killing very productive men" in the area.

"So far, 45 men have been killed and there are others that died in the bushes as a result of bleeding from bullet wounds," he added.

An official of the Nigeria Vigilante Group, Muhammed Gava, confirmed the attack to journalists in Maiduguri.

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