

Boko Haram kills village leader, 14 others in Borno



Boko Haram gunmen killed 15 people including a village leader near Maiduguri yesterday just a few hours before President Goodluck Jonathan's arrival in the Borno State capital to canvass votes ahead of next month's elections.

"The terrorists attacked Kambari village which is less than five kilometres to Maiduguri around 5:00 am. They killed 15 people and set the entire hamlet ablaze," security sources said.

"After fruitless efforts to enter Maiduguri through Konduga without success, the terrorists took a different route and attacked Kambari," one of the sources said.

A woman from the village, who simply gave her name as Kyallu, said four of her children were among the dead.

"They killed four of my grown-up children when they attacked our village about the time for the morning prayers," Kyallu, who is now in Maiduguri, told AFP.

"They shot my children dead without any prompting. I had to leave the village with my grandchildren because we have lost our houses," she said.

"The insurgents also killed our village head. In fact, I counted 15 dead bodies," she said.

Security in the city was beefed up ahead of yesterday's visit of the president.