

Chad sentences 10 Boko Haram members to death

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Ten members of the terror sect, Boko Haram, have been sentenced to death in Chad as part of the effort by that country to stamp out lawlessness.

The 10 were found guilty of terrorism by a court in the capital, N'Djamena, according to Reuters quoting judicial sources.

"They are all sentenced to death," said one of the sources.

N'Djamena, less than 100 kilometres from the Nigerian border, was hit by a series of suicide bombings in June and July that killed more than 40 people.

*Terrorists kill 28 in Borno

Boko Haram in its latest attacks in Borno State killed 24 people at Marfunudi, about 60 kilometres from Maiduguri on Tuesday night and another four in the fishing village of Kafa on Thursday.

The insurgents, according to a resident of Marfunudi, Abubakar Jojo, slit the throats of many of the victims.

A member of the local vigilance group in Kafa, Sadiq Kaka, said the terrorists threw the bodies of those killed in the village into a river.

Earlier this year, troops from Chad and Nigeria drove the extremists out of some 25 towns held for months in what they had declared an Islamic caliphate. The insurgents have returned to hit-and-run tactics and suicide bombings.

Hundreds have been freed from Boko Haram captivity but none of the 219 girls abducted in April 2014 from a school in Chibok were rescued. Thursday marked the girls' 500th day in captivity.

The extremists last week ambushed the lead vehicle in a convoy carrying the Chief of Army Staff, Lt. Gen. Tukur Buratai. One soldier was killed and two were wounded while soldiers killed five attackers and arrested five.

Defence chiefs from Nigeria, Niger Republic, Chad, Cameroun and Benin Republic have finalized details to deploy 8,750 troops from five countries against the sect.



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