

Boko Haram kills 14 in Army chief's mother's hometown

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Fourteen people were killed, some of them decapitated, in a Boko Haram raid on a village in Borno State on Thursday, a resident and a civilian vigilante assisting the military said yesterday.

The attack happened at about 8:00 pm on Thursday in Kamuya, hometown of mother of the Chief of Army Staff, Lieutenant General Tukur Buratai.

It was previously attacked in a similar raid in July. Nearby Buratai village, 10 kilometres away, was also hit.

The terrorists arrived on foot and by bicycle, witnesses said.

A resident Ibrahim Babagana said he and other locals fled the attack to Biu, some 30 kilometres away, as Boko Haram fighters set fire to the village.

He later returned to the village and said: "This morning (Friday), some of us went back to the village.

"We found 14 dead bodies. Some of them were decapitated and their heads placed on their torso.

"Seven others were shot dead. They have all been buried. The entire village has been razed."

Mustapha Karimbe, a member of a civilian militia involved in fighting Boko Haram, gave a similar account and said half-a-dozen people were injured.

"The six injured victims are receiving treatment at the General Hospital in Biu," he added.

Residents of Kamuya had returned to cultivate their farms after the July attacks.

Hit-and-run attacks were once a trademark of the sect but have decreased in recent months in the face of a sustained Nigerian army counter-attack.

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