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Nigerien airstrike kills 10, injures 20 in Yobe

A BOUT 10 villagers have been killed in an airstrike allegedly carried out by Nigerien Air Force in pursuit of Boko Haram insurgents, a security source said yesterday.

The Nigerien Air Force launched the airstrike on Buhari village in Yunusari local council, north of Damaturu, the state capital, following a

From Duku JOEL, Damaturu

hot chase of some Boko Haram elements that entered the village.

It was gathered that the airstrike was in error.

A source at Geidam General Hospital told our correspondent that over 20 wounded villagers were admitted at the facility.

The source said 10 persons were killed in the attack.

"We have admitted over 20 people at the Geidam General Hospital. As for the number of deaths, no bodies were brought to the hospital but we learnt that over 10 people were killed in the village.

A vigilante source said the jet belongs to Nigerien Air

Force.

"From what we heard, it is the Nigerien Air Force that was pursuing Boko Haram into that village. The casualty is high but no one is sure of the figure," the source said.

Chairman of Yunusari local council Alhaji Bukar Gaji confirmed the incident but gave no details, saying they were still mourning.

Seven killed on witchcraft charges in Adamawa