

① Boko Haram kills 12, burns school quarters in Yobe

BOKO Haram has attacked a bar in Geidam, a town in Yobe State, killing 12 persons, security sources said.

The terrorists reportedly sneaked into the town on Wednesday night.

Geidam is the hometown of the Inspector-General of Police Usman Baba.

An eyewitness said they were brutal in the attack, slaughtering their victims.

They also burnt down three staff quarters at Government Science and Technical College, Geidam.

Those injured in the attack were said to be receiving treatment.

A security source said the assailants came on motorcycles, which they parked just outside the town, and went in on foot.

One of the slaughtered persons was a retired police inspector.

"They slaughtered some people, one of them a retired

quarters in Yobe

- ISWAP claims Taraba bombing
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From Duku Joel, Damaturu, Augustine Okezie, Katsina and Kolade Adeyemi, Jos

inspector of police; two are females, the others were shot," the source said.

Ibrahim Usman Geidam, a Geidam resident, said, "They came by foot and burnt three staff quarters at the GSTC Geidam. We also got reports that they went to Augwar Kweri where some prostitutes are residing and killed 11 people there. At GSTC, I understand that one person died".

Police spokesman Dungus Abdulkareem confirmed the attack as well as the killing of the retired inspector.

Abdulkareem said peace had been restored in the town.

② Also, the Islamic State West

Africa Province (ISWAP) has claimed responsibility for the bombing at a market in Taraba State, saying they killed or injured about 30 people.

The explosion took place on Tuesday in Iware town.

Police initially said three people were killed and 19 injured.

They could not immediately be reached yesterday to comment on the ISWAP claim or casualty count.

In a statement posted late on Wednesday on a Telegram messaging channel used by ISWAP, the group described those who detonated the bomb in the market as "soldiers of the caliphate in central Nigeria".

The statement said the attack

struck "a gathering of infidel Christians".

In Katsina, police said yesterday that they repelled terrorist attacks in Gamzako village in Kafur council.

Spokesman Gambo Isa said two abducted persons were rescued while one AK47 rifle with four rounds 7.62mm live ammunition and two fabricated revolver pistols were recovered.

Isa also said two terror suspects were killed in a shoot-out, which ended with the gunmen chased out of the town.

Operation Safe Haven (OPSH), the military task force maintaining peace in Plateau and parts of Kaduna and Bauchi states seized 517 small arms and light weapons.

Commander of the task force, Maj.-Gen. Ibrahim Ali, said in Jos yesterday that the weapons were handed over to the National Centre for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons (ACCS ALW).