

# 34 worshippers killed in Yobe community



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## •*Lawan condemns killings in Yobe*

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Suspected Boko Haram terrorists have reportedly killed 34 worshippers in Mafa village, Tarmuwa LGA of **Yobe State**.

According to reports, the attack occurred during Magrib prayer, on Sunday when the gunmen shot sporadically at the gathering.

“Terrorists gruesomely rigged the bodies with Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), setting a deadly trap for first responders or security personnel who might approach the scene,” the report reads.

It added that the gunmen also laid multiple explosives on the path to the village for military vehicles.

Intelligence sources told the publication that the attack was a likely retaliation for the community’s failure to pay terrorist dues.

There are reports that authorities in Yobe are planning a mass burial for the victims of the attack. Yobe government spokespersons did not immediately respond to requests for comments at the time of filing this story.

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Yobe police spokesperson, Dungus Abdulkarim, said the insurgents looted and set ablaze shops and houses in Mafa village, Tarmuwa council.

Abdulkarim said the gunmen killed an unspecified number of people, adding that they also dropped some fliers with Arabic inscriptions.

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Former Senate President, Ahmad Lawan yesterday condemned the killing.

Lawan, in a statement in Abuja, called on security agencies to track the perpetrators and bring them to justice.

He called on interventionist agencies to come to the aid of the victims by providing physical, medical and psychological support for them.

Lawan said: "I condole with the families of the victims who lost their lives in the recent insurgent attack on Mafa village in Tarmuwa Local Government Area of Yobe State.

"The attack, which occurred about 4pm on Sunday, September 1, 2024, resulted in the deaths of several innocent civilians, and the burning and destruction of properties.

"I strongly condemn the heinous act of violence and extend my heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families. Similarly, I condole the Yobe State Governor, Mai Mala Buni, the Government and the people of Yobe State.

"I call on the security agencies to intensify efforts in tracking down the perpetrators of this heinous and dastardly act and bring them to justice."