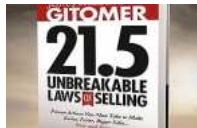




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Gunmen kill 13 civilian JTF members

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THIRTEEN members of the civilian JTF were shot dead by suspected Boko Haram militants in an early Sunday morning attack on Benesheikh in Kaga Local Government Area (LGA) of Borno.

Benesheikh is about 75 kilometres from Maiduguri, the capital of the state.

One of survivors Malam Zanna Fannami told news men on his hospital bed at the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital (UMTH) that the attack took place around 12.30 a.m.

Fannami, a leader of the vigilance group, added that 17 persons were also injured in the attack.

"The whole thing started around 12.30 a.m as we were keeping vigil at the entrance of the town.

"We heard an explosion near a military checkpoint, but before we could find out what was going on we began to hear sporadic gunshots," he said.

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