

confirmed the outbreak to newsmen, said the situation was getting out of hands, adding that the hospital alone could not accommodate the number of patients brought in.

Dr Hussein, who disclosed that some cases were not cholera, however advised people to rush

in the hospital to avoid

Boko Haram: Unspecified number Killed at Mudube Village, another 8 in Maiduguri-Gwoza road

MILITARY authorities in Maiduguri, the Borno State capital, has said that air bombardment of insur-

gents' hideouts in Mainok and Mada general areas of Kaga and Konduga local government areas by the

Nigerian Air Force has led to the death of some Boko Haram terrorists (number not known).

Spokesman of the 7 division of the Nigerian Army, Colonel Muhammadu Dole, in a statement made available to newsmen in Maiduguri on Saturday, revealed that the terrorists were seen conducting funeral for their dead members around Mudube village and were engaged, with several of them losing their lives.

In a related develop-

ment, he said the troops of 7 Division also had an encounter with Boko Haram insurgents along Maiduguri-Bama-Gwoza road for two hours during which eight Boko Haram terrorists were killed, with 3 Vehicles and 3 AK 47 rifles burnt, while scores of others fled with various degrees of injuries.

He said due to increased offensive operations through the ground and air against the terrorists, the attacks resulted in serious decimation of Boko Haram fighters.

"This forced them to embark on forceful conscription of youths and abduction of women from vulnerable villages into their folds. The troops are on their trail to ensure safe release of these captives." Col Dole said.

Meanwhile, the General Officer Commanding 7 Division of the Nigerian Army, Major General Obidah Ethan has reiterated that the Division is poised to decimating the Boko Haram terrorists wherever they were and continue to appreciate the continuous support and cooperation of the general public.

Sambo, others extol Yakowa's virtues

HASSAN IBRAHIM -KADUNA

VICE-PRESIDENT Mohammed Namadi Sambo and other dignitaries from across the federation converged on Kaduna weekend in honour of former governor of Kaduna State, the late Sir Patrick Ibrahim Yakowa, who they described as a man of peace who left behind a legacy of selfless service and patriotism.

The vice-president, who spoke at the one-day public lecture to commemorate the first year memorial of Yakowa at the Murtala Square Kaduna, said Yakowa's legacy would surely find a place in the annals of history, adding that the lecture was a demonstration of his eminent contribution to the development of education during his lifetime.

He said Yakowa distinguished himself professionally in all his chosen careers, describing him as a thoroughbred civil servant, hard working, persevering and extra ordinarily in-

genious who built bridges across the divides.

Other dignitaries who graced the occasion included the governors of Bauchi and Ebonyi states, Mallam Isa Yuguda and Chief Martins Elechi respectively; deputy governor of Kano State, Dr. Abdullahi Ganduje; National Chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Alhaji Bamanga Tukur; former Chief of Army Staff, General Martin Luther Agwai; former Minister of Transport, Alhaji Umaru Dikko; Senator Nenadi Usman; former Minister of the FCT, Malam Nasir El-Rufa'i; Dr. Hakeem Baba Ahmed; Emir of Zazzau, Shehu Idris and Yerima Zazzau, Alhaji Munir Jafaru, among others.

In his remarks on the occasion, Alhaji Tukur extolled the virtues of the late Yakowa, who he said was passionate about his country, his state and his people.

Governor Elechi said Yakowa would continue to be remembered even in death be-

cause he was a bridge-builder who knew the problem of the people and how to solve it.

The host governor, Alhaji Mukhtar Ramalan Yero of Kaduna State said the best way to immortalise Yakowa

was by sustaining his virtues and assured that his administration would religiously implement the 2013 budget which the late Yakowa passed to the House before he died.

Mandela goes home today

THE remains of the late South African leader, Nelson Mandela will be buried today.

Mandela's coffin arrived in his ancestral home in Qunu in the Eastern Cape region of South Africa, the final leg of its journey, on Saturday, with large numbers of people lined along the roads in the rural region to pay their respects as the cortege passed by.

At least 100,000 people saw the former South African president's body lying in state in Pretoria over the last three days, but some had to be turned away.

The coffin was flown from Waterkloof airbase in Pretoria on a C130 military

aircraft, escorted by two fighter jets.

In line with tribal custom, Nelson Mandela's grandson, Mandla accompanied him on the journey, speaking to his coffin to tell him he was on his way home to rest.

It arrived in Mthatha, 700 km (450 miles) away at 13:37 local (11:37 GMT).

To solemn music, the coffin draped in a South African flag was moved by a military guard of honour and placed in a hearse to begin the 32km journey to Qunu, where Mr Mandela had said he wanted to be buried.

People waving flags and cheering and singing - in

places 10 to 12 deep - lined the route taken by the cortege through Mthatha town to pay their last respects.

Tears as well as smiles could be seen on the faces of onlookers.

"He is finally coming home to rest, I can't even begin to describe the feeling I have inside," 31-year-old Bongani Zibi told AFP news agency.

"Part of me is sad but I'm also happy that he has found peace."

However, some people expressed their frustration that the convoy did not stop, so they had no chance to view the coffin as people in Pretoria had.