



1 **T**EN people were killed by **Boko Haram** insurgents in Njaba village in Damboa Local Government Area of Borno State on Tuesday.

Eight other people were killed in Kaya in the same council area on Wednesday when the insurgents attacked the village, setting houses ablaze.

This is just as members of no fewer than 29 villages along the Sambisa Game Forest of Alau ward in Konduga Local Government Area have fled their homes following threats of fresh attacks by **Boko Haram** terrorists.

2 The gunmen had invaded Alau Ngawo Fate communities last Sunday, killing 19 people and burning more than 100 houses and shops.

Wadai Mutah, a resident of Njaba village, had led five village members to the state's specialist hospital in Maiduguri on Thursday night for treatment of gunshot wounds.

He told journalists on Friday that: "Our village was attacked by **Boko Haram** members on Tuesday and they killed 10 people and set the whole village on fire before leaving.

"Five people were injured by gunshots and I brought them to the specialist hospital yesterday (Thursday) because there was no way to move them out before now.

"At Kaya village, which was attacked on Wednesday, eight people were killed when the **Boko Haram** attacked, shooting people and burning houses. Mude and Kwajiri villages were also attacked and destroyed on the same day, but the villagers escaped to Njaba, unknown to them that we too had been attacked the day before."

One of the survivors, Wovi Pogu, told journalists that: "We were relaxing after our evening meal when suddenly, we heard gunshots in all directions and cries for help from women and children. As I made to enter my house, I was hit in the leg and I fell, but I dragged myself to a nearby shack where I hid until the shooting subsided.

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"When the military men came to the village much later, they assisted us and gave first aid to those who were badly injured. It was their presence that made me come out of hiding.

"It was then that I was told that 10 people had been killed in the attack. On Wednesday, when Mude, Kwajiri and Kaya villages were attacked, people from that place told us that eight people had been killed in Kaya, while Mude and Kwajiri villages were burnt, but the villagers escaped."

When contacted about the incident, spokesman of 7 Division Nigeria Army, Colonel Muhammadu Dole, said: "For now, we are awaiting the full details of the operation. I will get back to you later."

One of the fleeing villagers from Konduga Local Government Area, who are now taking refuge at a Federal Government facility in Maiduguri, said they chose to leave their communities following series of killings and burning of their houses, shops and other properties almost on a daily basis by terrorists, without the government coming to their aid.

Gunmen suspected to be terrorists had invaded Alau Ngawo Fate communities last Sunday, at about 10.00 p.m., killed 19 people and burnt over 100 houses and shops.

The affected communities include, Ngawo Fate, Yawuri, Limanti and Gokari Gana.

The head of Ngawo Fate village, Bulama Garba Modu,

who is also staying in a refugee camp in Maiduguri, said the people had to relocate following threat letters issued to the communities by the terrorists.

Meanwhile, the Borno State governor, Kashim Shettima, visited the victims on Thursday and sympathised with them.

He gave the assurance of his administration's support in providing security of life and property to the people of the state.

Represented by the Attorney-General and Commissioner of Justice, Mr Kaka Shehu, Shettima said the state government had provided relief materials which included mats, mattresses, bags of rice and a cash donation of N1 million for the victims to transport themselves back home as security operatives had been deployed in the affected communities.

Contacted about the incident, Colonel Dole told **Saturday Tribune** on the telephone that the division was not aware of any attacks as there were officers in charge of these areas and they did not send any signals regarding any attacks.

He, however, said he would make consultations and find out the true situation of things. He also suggested that the police should be contacted.

But the army chief later said on a local news broadcast of the **Nigerian Television Authority (NTA)** that the army division had already deployed troops in the area to secure life and property.