

# 83 killed, 300 houses burnt in Borno, Adamawa

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**E**IGHTY-THREE people were killed and over 300 houses razed on Monday in separate Boko Haram attacks in Borno and Adamawa states.

In Adamawa, the gunmen were said to have attacked a church in Chakawa village of Madagali Local Government Area of the state, killing scores, including two policemen.

In Kawuri village of Konduga Local Government Area of Borno State, a soldier and 62 others were killed by the gunmen.

Malam Salisu, one of the escaped residents of Kawuri village now taking refuge in Maiduguri, the state capital, while speaking with newsmen, put the number of insurgents that attacked his village at over 50.

Salisu said the incident happened around 5.00 p.m on Sunday, a market day in the area, with over 300 residential buildings and shops razed in the attack, after a soldier and 62 civilians were killed, with several others, including security operatives, left wounded.

Many traders and residents who he said sustained burnt injuries were receiving treatment at Konduga General Hospital and Uni-

versity of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital.

**Nigerian Tribune** recalled that in the last one week, 37 communities of Kwaljiri, Kaya, Ngawo Fate, Limanti, Njaba, Yahuri, Mude, Wala and Alau, among others in Damboa, Konduga and Gwoza council areas had been sacked by terrorists, leaving displaced residents taking refuge in some neighbouring villages.

Speaking on the incident on Monday, the state Police Commissioner, Mr Lawal Tanko, confirmed the

incident, adding that he was, however, yet to receive details on the number of casualties.

"I received an intelligent information that Kawuri town was attacked by Boko Haram sect suspected to be on a revenge mission on market day (Sunday), where many civilians were killed, while several others were left with serious burnt wounds before they set the whole place on fire. We have deployed our men in the area and very soon, I will feed you with details,"

he said.

On the number of casualties from the side of his officers and men, Tanko said some of his men were wounded in the attack, but, however, said none was killed.

In Yola, Adamawa State, many people, including two policemen, were feared killed as gunmen suspected attacked a church in Chakawa village.

Some residents of the affected village, who fled the area, told newsmen that they were attacked by gunmen suspected to be Boko Haram

members during Sunday service in the morning.

"They used explosives during the attack on worshippers and many people lost their lives," local villagers recounted their ordeals.

"I cannot actually say how many people were killed, but I learnt that there are about 16 people evacuated from the church," one of the residents, who identified himself as Apogu, said.

Another resident claimed that some houses were also attacked by the gunmen, who took some men hos-

tage, while two policemen on guard in the church were killed instantly.

"I saw some people crying, saying their relations had been taken away as hostages by the gunmen," the resident, who preferred anonymity, said.

Attempt to get the military and police authorities in the area to comment on the incident failed.

A soldier who spoke on condition of anonymity told newsmen that nine people lost their lives during the attack.

Military authorities in the state promised to speak on the issue later, even as the chairman of Madagali Local Government Area, Maina Ularamu, confirmed the attack, but declined the civilian casualties.

### LG boss' wife, kid kidnapped in Kogi

Seven unknown gunmen, on Sunday evening, kidnapped the wife and two-year-old child of chairman of Adavi Local Government Area of Kogi State, Mr Salihu Adaviruku.

The gunmen, each with AK-47 rifle, stormed the house of Adaviruku, located on Kuroko at about 8.05 p.m, saying they were looking for money.

The gunmen, believed to be trailing the chairman, reportedly entered the premises of Adaviruku, who was coming from an outing, as soon as the gate was opened.

The wife, Hasiya and



Ondo State governor, Dr Olusegun Mimiko (second right); Minister of Aviation, Mrs Stella Oduah, (left); Ondo State Commissioner for Transport, Nicholas Tofomowo (right), and MD/CEO, Federal Airport Authority of Nigeria (FAAN), George Uresi (second left), during an inspection tour of ongoing projects at the Akure Airport, on Monday.