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AT least, four soldiers and over 40 civilians were killed by suspected Boko Haram sect on Sunday night, when they attacked a military base at the border of Garkida in Gombi Local Government Area of Adamawa State.

Army authorities in Yola and the Adamawa State Police Command, confirmed the incident but gave no further details of the casualties.

Eyewitness account by a resident who preferred anonymity, said there was heavy gunfire in the town.

According to him, "They first struck at a military checkpoint at our border with Borno, after a gun battle with soldiers for almost thirty minutes, and the attackers then proceeded to a nearby village called crossing- junction where they also stayed for almost half hour before pouncing in Garkida.

"In Garkida, they launched an attack on the military and police base, and for now nobody can tell you what was really happening or the casualties because we were forcibly locked up in our houses, and right now I can hear heavy gunfire.

It will be recalled that armed men suspected to be members of the Boko Haram sect sometime, waylaid the convoy of three first-class emirs from Borno State and killed the emir of Gwoza.

The town is also under Gombi Local Government Area where a German expatriate, Mr Nitsch Eberhard, was penultimate week, abducted in front of his house.

And just last week, unknown gunmen also attacked Gaya community, killing over 13 persons.

Similarly, villages of Kuda –Kaya and Kuduku in Madagali local government areas, were equally attacked with no fewer than six persons reportedly killed, even as the marauding gunmen ran away with food stuff and cattle.

“They attacked Kuda-Kaya and Kuduku villages, killing at least six people and stole food stuffs and cattle from the villagers,” said Mr James Abawu Watharda, the Chairman of Madagali Local Government Area, in a telephone interview.”

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