

NEWS HEADLINES

Boko Haram attacks Borno village •Kills scores, burns churches, houses

📅 01.Dec.2014 | DISQUS_COMMENTS | 👤 James Bwala - Maiduguri

SUSPECTED members of Boko Haram sect, on Saturday evening, invaded Shani, council headquarters of Shani Local Government Area of Borno State and opened fire on innocent residents, resulting in the death of scores of people.

The incident also left many residents of the town injured, with many of them forced to flee into the bush for safety.

Shani South shares borders with some Adamawa communities and is about 260 kilometres drive from Maiduguri, the state capital.

This is the third time Shani would come under attack, the first being a day to the 2011 general election, when some gunmen suspected to be terrorists attacked Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) ad hoc staff, killing some of them.

Also in June 2014, the town witnessed another attack by terrorists, leading to the burning down of the divisional police headquarters and death of some few people.

Fleeing residents, who did not want their names in print, told the Nigerian Tribune that some insurgents invaded the town at about 8.00 p.m. on Saturday and started shooting sporadically, targeting civilians, public buildings and recreational centres.

“They came well armed on about 10 motorcycles from Gwaskara axis, with Ak-47, improvised explosive devices and petrol bombs.

“They wreaked havoc without confrontation, as there was no military operatives nor police to assist the civilians,” they said.

Efforts to get confirmation from the state Police Public Relations Officer, Gideon Jubrin, as of the time of going to press failed, as his cell phones were switched off.

A reliable security source, who is not authorised to talk to the press, however, confirmed the latest attack on Shani.

In another development, another attack at Lassa town of Askira/Uba Local Government Area of the state left six persons dead, with churches and many houses burnt down by the Islamic sect, Boko Haram.

The attack, according to reports from Lassa, was resisted by the villagers, who engaged the insurgents with locally made rifles, bows and arrows, though the sects were said to have come with all sorts of modern weapons.

A resident of Lassa town who is a member of the local vigilante group, told the Nigerian Tribune that the villagers had not choice but to resist the insurgents.

“If we flee today, tomorrow we will continue to flee and these murderers would continue to kill.

“If we had fled, they would have killed many people. I think our decision to fight yielded result, as it is better that six people are killed than for hundreds to be killed.

“We will continue to encourage ourselves, because they would keep coming. We cannot run any longer,” he said.

HOW I MADE N13Million IN 2013. Earning Over N1,000,000/Month In 2014. CLICK HERE To Learn Legitimate Internet Biz.