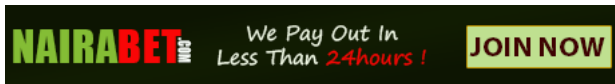


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BOKO Haram gunmen have continued their attacks since the Federal Government declared them “technically” defeated, killing seven people in a raid and suicide bombing, residents told AFP Wednesday.

The attacks happened on Tuesday in Borno State, near the Sambisa Forest hideout, where the army is looking to flush out remnants of the rebel group.

The first attack happened in Izgeki village, according to a resident, who gave his name as Isyaku, from the town of Mubi in neighbouring Adamawa State.

“I received information from my relatives who fled the attack... that some Boko Haram gunmen, on bicycles, attacked Izgeki across the river from Izghe on Tuesday morning, where they killed two people.”

“The attack forced villagers to cross the river into Izghe. The gunmen pursued them. One of them who had a suicide belt on him blew himself up near the market, killing five people,” he said.

Izghe was previously attacked in February 2014, where more than 100 people were killed as the rebels torched homes, opened fire and set off explosives.

Ayuba Chibok, an elder in the town, said there was also an attack in the nearby village of Nchiha at about 10.00 p.m. on Tuesday.

“Luckily, no-one was hurt but they (Boko Haram gunmen) looted food and burnt a large part of the village,” he added.

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