

Army lieutenant, police sergeant killed in Boko Haram attack

Expose terrorists among you, army tells villagers

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THE attack by Boko Haram insurgents in Magumeri town, Magumeri Local Government Area of Borno State, on Wednesday evening has left a Nigerian Army lieutenant and a police sergeant dead.

A security source in Maiduguri said the militants ambushed Lieutenant Akinwale Christopher Oguntoye and his colleagues on their way to Gubio from a shooting range competition in Monguno.

The officers were attacked by terrorists in Magumeri, where they had razed houses, including a police station in the town.

Oguntoye was a member of the 60 Regular Course cadets of the Nigerian Defence Academy and was briefly an aide-de-camp to a former president of Guinea-Bissau.

A statement by the command's spokesman, Mr Victor Isuku, confirmed the incident in a statement in Maiduguri on Thursday.

"On Wednesday evening, information was received that Magumeri town was under attack by Boko Haram elements.

"On receipt of the report, teams of Anti Robbery Squad and other personnel were quickly mobilised to the scene. A mobile police sergeant, Haliru Aliyu, deployed with the military in Magumeri on special duty, was killed while another sergeant, Lawrence Ayeni, sustained gunshot injury and is currently at

the military hospital receiving treatment," Isuku said.

He added that a water tanker and a bus belonging to Magumeri Local Government and two other civilian vehicles were burnt in the attack.

According to the police spokesman, military reinforcement from Damasak and Maiduguri engaged the escaping terrorists and recovered one Hilux vehicle mounted with anti-aircraft gun from the terrorists.

Meanwhile, the Nigerian Army has told the villagers of Magumeri in Borno State to expose terrorists taking refuge within the village.

According to the army, "it is imperative that all communities in the North-East, especially Borno State, should fully cooperate with the military and the security agencies by exposing Boko Haram terrorists in their respective towns and villages."

This was contained in a press statement by the Director, Army Public Relations, Brigadier-General Sani Kulkasheka Usman, a copy of which was made available to the Nigerian Tribune in Abuja.

The statement added that while troops were still consolidating and mopping up, it was imperative to state that preliminary investigation showed that the attackers of Magumeri came from the same community, adding that the terrorists that attacked the village were well known to the people.

"It should also be noted that the village was never attacked

throughout the period of the insurgency for some inexplicable reasons. The terrorists and their collaborators hibernating in the area were never exposed. There seems to be unholy alliance between the terrorists and the villagers," the statement said.

This came as Staff Association of the World Health Organisation (WHO) in Nigeria, on Thursday, donated relief materials worth millions of naira to the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) in Maiduguri.

Mr Ibrahim Abdullahi, president of the association, presented the items to some IDPs at the Muhammad Goni

College of Legal Studies, Maiduguri.

Abdullahi said the gesture was aimed at providing succour to the IDPs who were in need of assistance.

In another development, to ensure the safe return of over 65,000 IDPs currently in Cameroon, Nigeria has signed a tripartite agreement with the United Nations and Cameroon, an official has said.

Hajia Sadiya Umaru-Farouq,

the Federal Commissioner, National Commission for Refugees, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons, disclosed this in Calabar, Cross River State, while inaugurating the distribution of food and non-food items to Bakassi IDPs.

Umaru-Farouq said the agreement was signed to ensure the protection and assistance of Nigerian nationals in Cameroon on their voluntary return to Nigeria.

"We have about 100,000 Nigerians in Cameroon, number consist of Boko Haram victims and the displaced people of Bakassi.

"This agreement is necessary for those willing to return to Nigeria and for those who wish to stay in Cameroon will profile them and numbers that want to remain in Cameroon will remain in Cameroon," said.

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