

Boko Haram attacks IDPs in farms, kills 9

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NINE people have been confirmed dead in a morning attack on farmers in Rann Kala Balge, Borno State, on Wednesday.

The affected internally displaced people (IDPs) have since been buried according to Islamic rites on Wednesday, while others badly wounded have been taken to camp clinics.

Chief Imam of Rann, Ba'liman Guja, who spoke to newsmen on Thursday, confirmed that the army released nine corpses of the IDPs attacked on a farm at Daima Village between Rann and Tilam communities to them for burial.

Ba'liman told newsmen that some of the IDPs attacked had fled to Cameroon, while a few of them returned to the camps and were being treated by doctors there.

According to the Imam, "We were told earlier that they were returning from the farm when it happened but those who survived the attack and are in clinic now said, they were actually attacked on their farms.

"Many people are still unaccounted for, but the soldiers have released nine corpses, which we buried this morning."

Sources, however, alleged that many people might have been killed in the attack, as only a few IDPs actually returned to their camps in Rann with gunshot and dagger wounds on their bodies.

The area has been cleared by the military which had repelled the attacks and evacuated the corpses, but did not release them to families till this morning.

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