Residents flee as Boko Haram attacks Adamawa community

Suicide bombers kill mum, daughter

SUSPECTED members of Boko Haram, on Monday night, attacked Bakin Dutse village as they advanced to Gulak administrative headquarters of Madagali

Adamawa State.

The attack, still ongoing at the time of this report, was confirmed by government officials and security sources.

Fleeing residents said the attack commenced at about 7.35 p.m., as the insurgents stormed the village and opened fire on them.

The casualty from the attack could not be ascertained yet.

The state governor, Jibrilla Bindo, confirmed the attack in a brief telephone interview.

"More soldiers have been swiftly deployed to Gulak and other areas to repel the attack. So I am calling on the fleeing residents to remain calm and be prayerful," he said.

The state Commissioner for Information and Strategy, Ahmad Sajoh, also said to Channels Television that Gulak was under siege by the Boko Haram terrorists.

According to him, the military was currently en-

gaging the insurgents and they were being assisted by the vigilance group and the hunters association.

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Local Government Area of Anti-snake bite venom not out of stock —Health Minister

MINISTER of Health, Professor Isaac Adewole has debunked the rumour that government has run out of stock of the anti-snake venom for the treatment of snake bite victims.

Reacting to the report of the death of 91 people as a result of snake bite in Gombe and Plateau states within three weeks, the minister said the minis-

try still had some vials of anti-snake venom stocked in the Federal Ministry of Health, from the 2016 procurement from which states and other treatment centres were issued upon request.

"The states in questions have refused to comply with the new procedure of request, hence their inability to access the product from the ministry," he

said.

So far, he said five states had made request and had been issued for the treatment of victims in the last four months, the last being in September 6, 2017.

Professor Adewole, however, expressed apprehension that 2017 procurement might have some hitches because the funding was mistakenly transferred to the Na-

tional Primary Healthcare Development Agency (NPHCDA).

He also called on the snake bite prevalent states to invest in procurement of anti-snake venom for their people.

He warned that Federal Government could not continue to procure and distribute free to states indefinitely as being currently practiced.

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