

5 feared killed, houses burnt in fresh Adamawa attack

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AT least five people were feared dead in an attack, on Wednesday night, by Boko Haram insurgents on Wuna village in Madagali Local Government Area of Adamawa State, Premium Times has reported.

The attack came days after about 50 persons were killed in a similar attack on a mosque in Mubi town during morning prayer.

Sources said scores of fighters stormed the village, a few kilometres from Gulak, the administrative headquarters of Madagali.

"They came in numbers and just started shooting sporadically into the air with their guns; and there was pandemonium as people started fleeing for their lives," a resident said.

"They held sway for almost an hour during which they killed over five people, burning houses and carted away

domestic animals. Presently, we are hiding somewhere in a nearby village," the resident stated.

Another resident said: "They were on the rampage to steal food and medical supplies. Even last two days, they raided a nearby village, Humbli, and many others. There is tension everywhere and people have started fleeing."

Confirming the attack, Chairman of Madagali Local Government, Yusuf Muhammad, said the attack lasted for about one hour on Wednesday night.

The chairman, who could not give the casualty figures, however, said the insurgents burnt many houses and looted foodstuffs.

"They carted away foodstuffs, killed livestock and burnt the village completely, though for now, I am yet to ascertain the number of those killed," he said.

The Nigerian Army is yet to

react to the attack.

Akintoye Badare, a major and spokesperson of the 28 Task-Force Battalion, Mubi, could not be reached as of the time of filing this report.

Confirming the attack, a member of the House of Representatives, Adamu Kamale, said: "President Mu-

hammadu Buhari is being fed with false information on the capacity of Boko Haram in our area as they still carry out deadly strikes.

"They attacked Wuna last night and the recent attacks indicate the group is still able to carry out major attacks and has not been

defeated despite the successes achieved by Nigerian soldiers in the war.

"The communities in the local governments are a stone throw from the boundary of Sambisa Forest, the insurgents' safe haven from where they launch attacks on us," he noted.

Migrants deliberately dumped inside Mediterranean like bags of weeds —Dogara

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SPEAKER, House of Representatives, Honourable Yakubu Dogara, on Thursday, painted gory pictures of what migrants faced in their bid to cross the Mediterranean sea to Europe, saying some of them were being deliberately dumped inside the sea like bags of weeds.

The Speaker also called for immediate convening of emergency session of the Economic Commu-

nity Of West African States (ECOWAS) and African Union (AU) to launch a rescue operation as soon as possible, stressing that, "as it is, the voices of ECOWAS and AU are unacceptably too feeble on this devastating issue."

The Speaker equally called on President Muhammadu Buhari to lead the struggle for total and unconditional emancipation of the victims of this situation, adding that, "the President should, if necessary, deploy Nige-

ria's diplomatic and military clout on this matter."

The Speaker, in his remarks at Thursday's plenary, entitled: "Confronting the scourge of human trafficking and modern slavery," said "If you thought the horrific events that led to the deaths of our girls were appalling, just as we prepared to leave Italy last Friday, we received the terrifying news that another set of 30 migrants had died in the Mediterranean Sea while 200 were rescued."