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JTF spokesman, Lieutenant Colonel Sagir Musa
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Nine persons have been reported dead in a renewed clash between security forces and suspected Boko Haram members in Babbangida, Yobe State.

Babbangida is the capital of Tarmuwa Local Government and is 50 kilometres north of Damaturu, the state capital.

Witnesses said the gunmen stormed the Divisional Police Station of the area at the early hours of Thursday and opened fire on the policemen on duty in an encounter that lasted for almost an hour.

The state Commissioner of Police, Sanusi

Rufai, who confirmed the incident in Damaturu, said the suspected sect members attacked the police station about 1am in a shootout.

Though the police repelled the attack, Rufai confirmed that the commands lost four of its personnel, while two sustained injuries and are receiving treatment in an undisclosed hospital.

He said the police however killed five of the insurgents and injured many but the hoodlums, who were higher number, went away with their casualties as the authentic number could not be ascertained.

Noting that the week had been a challenging one for security men in the state, the police chief said the command would not relent in its search for peace in the state.

He said, "We will continue to discharge our responsibility as security men by ensuring that law abiding citizen have a conducive atmosphere to go on with their legitimate business."

The commissioner called for support from the public towards finding a lasting peace in the state.

The attack came four days after insurgents attacked men of the Joint Task Force in Tumbulgi, Geidam local Government of the state.

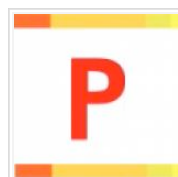
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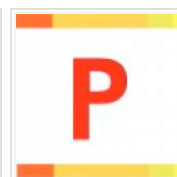
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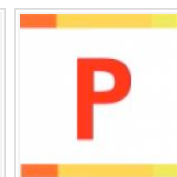
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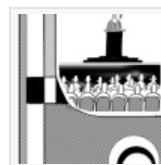


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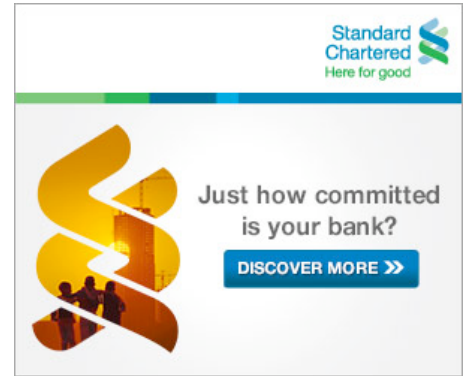
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