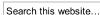
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several houses and shops ablaze.

Suspected members of the outlawed Boko Haram sect attacked Ladi-Kayamula village in Konduga Local Government Area of Borno State on a market day and customers at the market square, and killed five persons.

The latest attack, which happened on Sunday, came barely 10 days after the sect invaded the same village and killed nine persons, inflict injuries on several others.

The sect members were also alleged to have attacked some residents with Improvised Explosive Devices, which set

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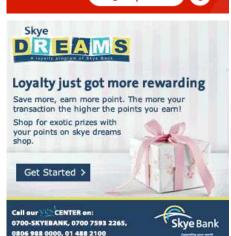
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Ladi-Kayamula village is at the outskirts of Maiduguri metropolis, located about 15 kilometres south of the state capital.

It was learnt that the insurgents stormed the village at about 2pm on Sunday and opened fire on residents. They were said to have particularly targeted traders, who had come to the village on the market day.

A source told journalists that the terrorists threw explosive devices and petrol bombs, which led to the killing of five people and the injuring of many others.

A resident of the village, who did not want his name mentioned in the print for security reason, told journalists on phone that the gunmen numbering over 20 with sophisticated weapons launched the attack in a broad daylight. "They slaughtered a person," he said.

It was also gathered that the quick intervention of the military troops and airstrikes led to the dislodgement of the sect, who fled into the Sambisa Forest.

The source, however, said that he was not in the position to disclose the number of casualties from the side of the insurgents, insisting that some of them might not have escaped the military onslaught, as troops were immediately mobilised to the area to pursue the fleeing terrorists.

The spokesperson of the 7 Division, Nigerian Army, Col. Mohammed Dole, confirmed the incident to journalists in a telephone interview.

Dole said, "Yes it is true that some gunmen suspected to be Boko Haram terrorists invaded Kayamula village on Sunday, where they wrecked havoc on innocent civilians. We have mobilised our troops to the area and they are now patrolling the general area to arrest the culprits".

Although, Dole said he had yet to ascertain the number of casualties, he, however, said normalcy had since been restored to the village and that the people were going about their normal businesses.

He, therefore, urged members of the public to continue to assist the division by providing useful information to security agencies.

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