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The NACA boss said this during the national dialogue

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among men who sleep with men.

B'Haram kills 68 in fresh Gwoza attack

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AT least 68 people in Gwoza, a town in Borno State, were reportedly killed by Boko Haram insurgents in the early hours of Wednesday.

According to residents, the town was seized in an early morning raid by the terrorists.

"As we speak Gwoza town has been captured by the terrorists," Isa Bala, a local resident who has fled the town after the attack, told Anadolu Agency.

"No fewer than 68 people died in the ruthless attack waged with about 10 armoured personnel carriers and sophisticated weapons," he said.

Bala added that the insurgents first attacked the town on Tuesday but were overpowered by Nigeria's military which had sent troops from the neighbouring Bama town.

NGF, health minister to hold meeting on Ebola

Olusola Fabiyi, Abuja

THE Plateau State Governor Jonah Jang-led faction of the Nigeria Governors' Forum, in collaboration with the Minister of Health, Professor Onyebuchi Chukwu, said on Wednesday that it was planning a one-day sensitisation meeting on the Ebola Virus Disease.

It said the meeting would involve all the commissioners of health in the federation.

A statement in Abuja by the secretary of the forum,

He said the insurgents had suffered a few casualties before retreating.

"We were shocked to see them again this morning in huge number and with more weapons," said Bala.

Usman Danlami, a member of the local vigilante group, confirmed the attack.

"Our reinforcement was forced to pull back after seeing their strength. Boko Haram flag has now been hoisted in Gwoza town and this is devastating news," Danlami said.

According to him, the Wednesday morning attack claimed over 68 persons with the insurgents taking over the Gwoza Local Government Area.

Defence spokesman Chris Olukolade has not responded to enquiries about the latest attack in Gwoza.

Another local vigilante, Hassan Ibrahim, who spoke in Maiduguri, the capital of Borno State, said the

Mr. Osaro Onaiwu, said the purpose of the meeting was for the minister to discuss his ministry's sensitisation efforts and review the progress being made to prevent the spread of Ebola with the commissioners.

The statement further said the meeting would also arm the commissioners with adequate information to brief their governors on measures to adopt to curb the virus in their respective states.

According to the statement, the meeting will take place in Abuja on Monday.

insurgents according to local vigilante from the area said the insurgents came heavily on the town and sent everyone fleeing with the magnitude of their firepower.

A security officer, who did not want his name in print as he was not authorised to speak, corroborated the narrative of Ibrahim. He said the insurgents attacked at about 5pm on Tuesday and after they were repelled "they came back in full force this morning at about 4am and took over the town."

"A large detachment of the sect completely overran the town and causing the residents to flee into the hills and neighbouring Cameroonian villages," the source said.

He narrated, "The insurgents started shooting sporadically and setting houses, shops and government building ablaze, this situation forced us to flee the town and run on to top of the hills and mountains, as I am speaking to you now I am on the hill top."

"They also attacked the policemen at the Gwoza Divisional Police Headquarters throwing explosives and using other dangerous weapons but I don't have the details about whether the police station was destroyed or not."

For some times, Gwoza villages have been under siege by the Boko Haram terrorists.

The terrorists have also blew off the bridge linking Gwoza to Madagali, in Adamawa State.

Stakeholders at the occasion expressed concern over the sustainability of the project.

The representative of PERFAR, Dr. Obinna Ogbunefe, said that Nigeria needed to show more commitment and focus more on states where the virus had been quite high.

"We need to change the story of Nigeria; our focus should be on demonstrating impact on areas where the virus is high. We need to have a responsible data, and ensure we engage people at both state and local government to make this work, but what is of great importance is the engagement of the private and public partnership to help the process," Ogbunefe said.

'Resist threat to peace'

**Chukwudi Akasike, Port
Harcourt**

WIFE of President Goodluck Jonathan, Patience, has urged Nigerians to resist any form of threat to peace in the country, especially the onslaught by members of the Islamic terror group, Boko Haram.

The President's wife spoke on Wednesday in Obio/Akpor, Rivers State, during the inauguration of the Millennium Development Goal's Economic Empowerment and Conditional Cash Transfer Programme made available to 3,650 households across the 23 Local Government Areas of the state.

"We must all work hard to check all forms of threat to peace in Nigeria and insurgence that is widespread in parts of the country. We must strive at all times to work for the peace, unity and development of our country, Nigeria," she said.