

Borno residents flee as Boko Haram attack villages

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Residents of Mairi and Malari have begun fleeing to Borno State capital, Maiduguri as Boko Haram insurgents laid siege to their villages.

The insurgents were said to have attacked Mairi and Malari on Friday night, killing four persons and razing the entire villages.

According to residents the insurgents first attacked Mairi at about 8pm killing four persons; a teenage

boy and three women, before proceeding to Malari where the entire village was razed in annoyance as residents fled.

One of the residents, Modu Idrissa, told our correspondent during a visit to Mairi that the insurgents shot a teenage boy who was a scholar at a local Islamic school during the attack.

Issa said the three women were trapped in a razed house, as they were unable to escape the raging inferno.

During a visit by our correspondent to the area on Saturday afternoon, thousands of residents were seen heading towards Maiduguri with luggage on their heads.

Some of them that spoke to our correspondent said it will be a suicide mission to continue to live in the area as the insurgents may still attack them.

One of them, Yunusa Abba, said the insurgents were still around and “they can still come to finish the job they have started.”

The senator representing the area (Borno Central), Baba Kaka Garbai, said the military needed to wake up to the new threat from the insurgents.

Garbai said, “The terrorists have shown that they are not truly dead and buried and it is time for our soldiers to come back to the reality that more still needs to be done until they are defeated.”

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