

B'Haram kills six, razes 20 houses in Adamawa

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Suspected Boko Haram members have killed six persons in Kuda village of Madagali Local Government Area of Adamawa State.

The insurgents allegedly razed more than 20 houses in the attack. An aged woman was also allegedly burnt to ashes in the raging inferno.

It was learnt that the insurgents invaded the village at 9pm on Monday when the villagers were preparing go to bed. It was learnt that they shot at fleeing villagers thus killing five persons and injuring several others.

According to eyewitnesses, the heavily armed insurgents invaded the village on foot and carted away some valuables.

Confirming the incident, the head of Krichinga, Abubakar Kanuri, whose village is close to Kuda village, said the insurgents came through Malakwaya, a section of the Sambisa Forest.

He said the reports he got was that over 30 armed insurgents stormed Kuda village. The village head, however, said he had yet to learn the exact casualty figure.

"But I know that one old woman was burnt to ashes because she couldn't flee her home when the insurgents set her house ablaze," Kanuri said.

Kanuri said the military in company with some vigilante members and hunters drafted to fight the insurgents had pursued the insurgents into Sambisa Forest.

He said people in the affected communities had fled to Gulak town and other places to seek refuge.

Kanuri lamented that the security situation in the area had worsened day following the different styles adopted by the insurgents.

He said, "Today, they will invade our villages as rustlers, another day they stormed our villages in convoy of vehicles and some time they will use cattle to deceive us that they are normal herdsmen only to start killing people.

"We need help in our area. Many are beginning to return but with current security situation, they may not return to these areas."

"This crazy boys are still hiding in caves inside Sambisa Forest," he added.

Usman, one of villagers attacked, said he was trying to recover from the last attack unleashed on them last year by the insurgents, when he lost his property again to inferno occasioned by the Monday night attack.

He said it is time to hunt for the insurgents but not to wait for them to attack before repelling them away "the best thing is to follow them to their hidings than allow them to continue to kill innocent Nigerians."

The military could not be reached for comments on the issue before filling this report.

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