

Kaka added that fighters from Barnawi camp had the previous day attacked gunmen loyal to Shekau faction in Zuwa village in nearby Marte district, killing an unspecified number.

Kaka added, "The Barnawi fighters told villagers after each attack that they were fighting the other camp because they had derailed from the true jihad and were killing innocent people, looting their property and burning their homes.

"They said such acts contravene the teachings of Islam and true jihad."