

Nine corpses recovered from Rann attack

Kayode Idowu, Maiduguri

THE Chief Imam of Rann, Ba'liman Guja, on Thursday told journalists that the military had released nine corpses of internally displaced persons killed at a farm at Daima village in Rann and Tilamon on Wednesday.

Guja, who spoke to journalists via the phone, disclosed that some of the people who survived the attack had fled to Cameroon.

He said some however decided to return to the IDP camp in Rann, where the injured were being attended to by doctors.

He said the attackers invaded the farm at about 10.00am on Wednesday.

Guja said: "We were told earlier that they were returning from the farm when it happened but those who survived the attack and are in the clinic now told us they were actually attacked on their farms. We cannot give the actual casualties but the soldiers have released nine

corpses, which we buried this morning."

It was earlier reported in the media that suspected Boko Haram members attacked the farmers who were returning to the IDP Camp in Rann, in Kala-Balge Local Government Area of Borno State.

Some of the indigenes of Rann, who spoke to journalists in Maiduguri, the capital of Borno State, said there was

fear that many people might have been killed in the attack, as only few people returned to the camp in Rann with gunshots and dagger wounds on their bodies.

One of them, Abba Ibrahim, had earlier (on Wednesday night) said the military had repelled the attack and evacuated the corpses, but had yet to release them to their families.

He said, "The attack was in between Tilam Village and the camp in Rann. We do not know how many people were killed as there is still confusion and the military who went to evacuate the corpses did not say anything yet. However, we did not see one of our family members by name Ya'kalli, who left with two of our cousins, currently receiving treatment at the camp hospital."

Court okays Lamido's trial for fraud

Ted Odogwu, Dutse

AJigawa State Chief Magistrate Court II, sitting in Dutse, on Wednesday turned down the application to throw out the case against a former governor of the state, Alhaji Sule Lamido, who had been standing trial before the court since June.

Earlier, Lamido was arraigned on a four-count charge of inciting disturbance, disturbance of public peace, defamation of character, including criminal

intimidation, which is contrary to Section 144, 113, 397 and 372 of Jigawa State penal code.

The Chief Magistrate, Mohammed Lamin, in his ruling on Wednesday, rejected the application to stop the case against the former governor.

He submitted that the counsel to the defendant failed to convince the court based on evidence provided that the trial was an abuse of court procedure.

Also, the Chief Magistrate rejected the argument earlier advanced by the Counsel

for the Defendant, Barrister Yakubu Ruba, that the Attorney-General of the state lacked the jurisdiction, citing Section 393 of the Penal code.

He argued that according to the First Information Report of the case, the former governor was arraigned for inciting disturbance, disturbance of public peace, defamation of character and criminal intimidation, contrary to Section 144, 113, 397 and 372 of Jigawa State penal code and not in accordance with Section 393 of the penal code.