

Gunmen attack Adamawa community, kill six hunters

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Gunmen on camels shot and killed six local hunters in an attack on Aljannaru, a farming community in Song, northern Adamawa State, fleeing residents and security sources said on Sunday.

Though the identities of the attackers were not yet clear, local sources alleged that they could be part of the dreaded insurgent groups plaguing North-East Nigeria.

Residents said they arrived before dawn on camels with herds of cows, destroying farms.

“They then climbed a hill overlooking the village and opened fire indiscriminately before carrying out house-to-house attacks,” a fleeing resident who identified himself as Buba, said.

“Militiamen on camels attacked our village Aljannaru here in Song, and began shooting. Six local hunters who were assisting us have been killed,” he added.

Officials of Nigeria hunters association in the state have described the killing of their colleagues as “unfortunate.”

Modibbo Tola, a senior member of the hunters group in the state, said, “Yes, we lost six gallant members during the attack by some gunmen riding camels.

“Our major challenges include lack of support from local authorities; we don’t have motorcycles and vehicles to chase criminals, the government had earlier pledged to assist but all to no avail, we are left at the mercy of these people,” Tola said.

The police spokesman in the state, DSP Suleiman Nguroje, said, “The state command has deployed its men to track down the fleeing gunmen. So, people should be vigilant and report any suspected movement.”