

Dapchi: Eight riot policemen killed

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Screenshot from video of Abubakar Shekau, leader of a Boko Haram faction. Source: Twitter: Audu Bulama Bukarti

Kayode Idowu, Damaturu

Eight riot policemen were killed in the Wednesday attack on Dapchi, Yobe State by Boko Haram insurgents, residents said on Thursday.

Some of the residents who narrated their experiences to the Executive Secretary of the Yobe State Emergency Management Agency, Mohammed Goje, who visited the town, said the mobile policemen were killed by the insurgents.

The residents said the attack was targeted at security formations.

They said the terrorists attacked the police division and the Nigerian Army formation in the town, while one police armoured vehicle was set ablaze.

The residents equally said the insurgents came to Dapchi, about 100 kilometres from Damaturu, the Yobe State capital, through neighbouring Jumbam village.

They called on the Federal Government to take up proactive measures in curtailing the incessant attacks on their community.

The Acting Assistant Director of Army Public Relations of Sector 2, Operation Lafiya Dole, Lieutenant Chinonso Oteh, as well as the Police Public Relations Officer in Yobe, Dungus Abdulkarim, have both confirmed the attack.