

Bodies of six Borno IDPs killed by Boko Haram uncovered on farm

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Six Internally Displaced Persons have been killed by suspected Boko Haram terrorists in Damboa town of Borno State.

According to sources in Damboa, the dead bodies of the slain IDPs were discovered at a farm after three days of the slaughter.

They were reportedly killed on Wednesday last week.

A commander of civilian JTF in Damboa, Abubakar Abba, said the civilian JTF were informed of the incident on Friday when it was observed that some people were missing from the camp.

He said, “We were told by the bulamas in the camp about missing people; they said the people left the camp to fetch firewood in the bush and had not returned.

“We mobilised our men and went in search of them in the bush. We found four dead bodies in the farmlands. That was on Friday. Searching further, we discovered another two dead bodies, making the number of dead people six.

“The bodies were already decomposing when we found them; so we buried them there,” Abubakar said.

He said four others were still missing, adding that it was suspected that they were abducted and taken to the bush by the insurgents.

“We have searched the bushes around Damboa for their bodies but we have no trace at all. We suspect that the terrorists abducted them.

Abubakar Abba said all the affected victims were IDPs residing in a camp and engaging in farming activities to support the handouts given to them by government.

He said since the clearance operations of the military started, they advised the people to remain within the town and desist from going into the bush but the IDPs refused to heed to the advice.

We'll not be deterred by B'Haram's captured territories – Zulum

Meanwhile, the Borno State Governor, Prof. Babagana Zulum has said renewed attacks and capture of parts of his state by Boko Haram would not deter his administration from continuing with its reconstruction, rehabilitation and resettlement plans.

Zulum spoke on Monday at the North East Development Commission's inauguration of the Rapid Response Intervention across the six North-East states of Taraba, Gombe, Yobe, Adamawa, Bauchi and Borno in Maiduguri.

He said, "Today's Intervention/support by NEDC is huge among any other interventions we got in Borno State, although, some parts of Borno have witnessed renewed attacks by insurgents in the last one week, I want to assure that my administration is in full support of the military and other security agencies to recapture Marte Local Government Area which was attacked and currently under the occupation of Boko Haram.

"These renewed attacks in some parts of the state, especially in Dikwa and Marte and other resettled communities would not deter the present administration in its reconstruction, rehabilitation and resettlement drive in the state."

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