

2 Another bombing error kills 20 residents in Borno

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NO fewer than 20 civilians have died from a supposed air strike in Dabar Masara, a border town in Monguno Local Government Area of Borno State.

* This happened barely two weeks after Nigerian Air Force fighter jet killed nine villagers in a community in Yobe State.

The airstrike, according to a local source, occurred on Sunday in the afternoon when most of the villagers were out either on their farmlands or riverine areas fishing.

"In one of the locations attacked, we were told that 10 (dead) persons were evacuated and buried that same day.

"Maybe they mistook them for Boko Haram for which I won't blame them; but those were our relatives and they were only out looking for their daily bread because even if they stay at home, nobody will give them food." Ahmadu Tijjani, a local source, disclosed.

The Directorate of the Airforce Public Relations has yet to react to this incidence as at press time.