

B'Haram kills eight, Zulum emphasises govt efforts

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Suspected Boko Haram insurgents on Thursday killed youths across four contiguous communities in Mafa and Jere Local Government Areas of Borno State.

① Four of the youths who were reportedly in the bush fetching firewood, were in Tamsu-Ngamdu, two in Baram-Karuwa and one in Shuwari, all in Mafa LGA while one was killed in Muna, Jere LGA.

"One of the youths, just about 16, who said he was spared by the killers to report the story, said those killed all had their hands tied at the back and shot," Sherif Goni, a resident of Tamsu-Ngamdu told newsmen on Friday.

The governor of the state, Prof Babagana Zulum, who visited the communities on Friday, expressed grief at the incident. He gave an assurance that the government

would not be deterred in efforts to end insecurity in the state."

He stated, "Government is refining strategies at combating insecurity to facilitate the undertaking of farming and other economic activities. Farmers should, however, also augment the government's efforts and design their respective community strategies at fighting insecurity."

② NIS blames agents, others for 97,000 uncollected passports

The Nigeria Immigration Service says about 97,000 passport booklets issued remained uncollected in the 36 states and the Federal Capital Territory. This, it said, was due to third party applications and instances where some people dropped wrong contact information during their application.

The NIS Public Relations Officer,

He directed security agents to be undeterred by the resurgence of terror activities, adding that farmers should not go to farms earlier than 6am and should not leave later than 5pm.

Persons suspected to be insurgents on June 15 killed about 15 farmers in Molai and adjacent communities in Konduga LGA of the state.

Mr Tony Akuneme, a Comptroller of Immigration, said these in an interview with the News Agency of Nigeria in Abuja on Friday.

Akuneme said the service recently found out that Lagos State had half of the uncollected passports, adding that half of the owners of the uncollected passports could not be reached due to lack of proper documentation because of third