

# Ndume fumes as Boko Haram kills vigilante

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**SUSPECTED** Boko Haram terrorists on Friday evening ambushed some members of the Civilian Joint Task Force and some motorists along Kirawa-Pulka road in Borno State, killing one and injuring many others.

Our correspondent gathered that the incident, which occurred around 3 pm, is the latest among a series of terrorist attacks on civilians in the state.

*Sunday PUNCH* gathered that some victims escaped into the bush, as six of the vehicles loaded with their luggage and food items were set ablaze by the insurgents.

Confirming the incident, the lawmaker representing Borno South senatorial districts, Senator Ali Ndume, in an electronic communication, described the attack as

“disheartening”.

He said, “It is very disheartening that I received a distress call that some armed Boko Haram terrorists laid an ambush on motorists and passengers along Kirawa-Pulka road yesterday (Friday).

“The victims were escorted by a few members of the Civilian Joint Task Force, as

there are no military escorts due to the dislodgement of Camerounian troops based in Kirawa last month.

“Unfortunately, one of our brave Civilian Joint Task Force members was killed during an exchange of gunfire in the ambush; many victims are nowhere to be found as I speak. At least six vehicles, including

two Volkswagen Golf saloon cars, a bus, and three trucks, were set ablaze during the attack,” he said.

The senator called on the military authorities to deploy troops to safeguard Kirawa and other surrounding communities bordering Gwoza Local Government Area and the Cameroun Republic.

## Peter Obi faces backlash for calling Olubadan ‘my brother’

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**F**ORMER Labour Party presidential candidate, Peter Obi, has come under criticism for calling the new Olubadan of Ibadanland, Oba Rashidi Ladoja, “my dear brother” in his congratulatory message to the traditional ruler.

Obi, in a statement posted on X (formerly Twitter) on Saturday to congratulate the monarch for his accession to

the throne said, “I warmly congratulate my dear brother, Oba Rashidi Adewolu Ladoja, Arusa I, on his installation as the 44th Olubadan of Ibadanland.

“His ascension to this revered throne is a celebration for the people of Ibadan and a source of pride for the entire Yoruba nation and Nigeria as a whole.”

The Yoruba ethnic group is known for its respect for elders and kings, and the careful choice of words used when

addressing them.

Peter Obi’s comment has been seen as a breach of this cultural norm, as he referred to the newly crowned king as “my brother.”

But reacting, a former presidential aide, Reno Omokri, berated Obi for what he called a lack of cultural sensitivity and diplomatic polish.

Omokri, in a post on X, accused Obi of denigrating the newly crowned monarch by calling him “my dear brother.”

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