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In another development, three people have been killed and eight others injured in fresh attack on Bama, eastern part of Borno State by suspected Boko Haram insurgents.

Sources said the gunmen attacked a community on the outskirts of Bama town with knives and cudgel to slit throats of their victims last weekend. "They would have killed more than three people if the Civilian JTF had not intervened quickly," a source said, adding that troops also moved into the area when they were alerted.

Hospital sources said eight injured persons were brought to the emergency unit (names withheld) last weekend but could not ascertain if they came from Bama.

Bama is about 67 kilometres from Maiduguri, the state capital and former stronghold of Boko Haram insurgents. Bama which also host an Army Battalion, has witnessed coordinated attacks in recent times including those on Police Mobile Barracks.

A military source hinted that the Boko Haram men have taken to sneaking into their victims' houses and slitting their throats rather than firing shots which they believe could attract the attention of the youth volunteers or the security forces.

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