

Again, Boko Haram kills 10 in Borno

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At least 10 people have been killed in another Boko Haram attack in Konduga Local Government Area, in the eastern part of Borno State, a few hours after the killing of 20, mostly travellers around the area.

The killing of 10, including three youth volunteers called Civilian JTF, occurred in the early hours of Sunday at Kawuri and Fori villages, sources said. The two villages are located at Konduga Local Government of Borno State, about 60 kilometers away from Maiduguri, the state capital and 20 kilometres to Bama Local Government Area, where the insurgents equally killed about 20 people on same Sunday morning.

A youth volunteer, who did not want his name in print, said some of his colleagues, Civilian JTF, had pursued some insurgents into the bushes, at Konduga Local Government Area, in a counter-insurgency operation, adding that the operation however, went awry, as the insurgents fled their hideout, headed for Kawuri and Fori villages. "They burnt down the villages and sacked the community," he disclosed.

Sources in Maiduguri claimed the insurgents ambushed the youth volunteers and killed three of them before fleeing to the villages to wreak havoc.

Madam Hauwa Musa said she saw houses in the villages burning when she passed the area hours after the attack on Sunday.

"I was one of the passengers that travelled on the road passing through the villages,

just few hours after the attack and when we got to the villages along the main road, we saw some buildings still burning. There were security operatives and some civilian JTF in the villages," she said.

Some residents claimed a health centre and primary school were also burnt by the insurgents, who reportedly fled to the village on unspecified number of motorcycles and Hilux vehicles.

Military sources said the attackers may have used Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) to destroy houses and public buildings, "so as to pave the way for their escape out of the area."

None of the claims could be ascertained from military authority in the state even as the 7 Division of the Nigerian Army could not be contacted due to the telephone lock down.