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FROM DAVID MOLOMO, YOLA

Boko Haram insurgents yesterday took control of Hong in Adamawa State. The insurgents burnt down a police station and killed several residents of the town and its environs.

Former Minister of State for Health, Aliyu Idi Hong, a native of the town confirmed the attack to newsmen in a telephone conversation, decrying the incessant attacks against innocent people and terror reign.

The former minister said the insurgents set a police station ablaze but he could not ascertain casualty figure as at the time of filing this report yesterday.

According to him, the insurgents had a few days ago attacked two villages in Hong Local Government Area, killing at least five persons. In the same vein, a resident of the area who spoke on condition of anonymity said the militants attacked the home of a retired Army General near Hong, but it could not be confirmed if the said ex-military officer was killed or not.

Efforts to confirm the seizure of Hong from the military and the state government officials in Yola did not yield any fruit, neither has there been a press statement from the Adamawa police command.

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