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A fresh attempt by Boko Haram to seize Gombi town in Adamawa State was repelled yesterday by a joint military and vigilance groups. Although sources claimed six people died at Dzangola in the Gombi Local Government Area and three at Dabua in Hong local Government Area and several houses, including churches burnt, but the Joint Task Force (JTF) frustrated the insurgents' attempt to seize the two towns.

The sources also indicated that the insurgents struck on Sunday night, shooting sporadically and in the process, a soldier and a woman lost their lives, while another source alleged that six persons died in the gun duel.

An eyewitness also told *Daily Sun* in Yola that the attempt by the insurgents met a stiff resistance as the troops engaged them in a fierce gun duel that lasted for some hours.

The terrorists were said to have attacked the town from Biu - Garkida axis which connects Sambisa forest and the hilly Lala axis which links with the boundary with Borno and Gombe states.

"The insurgents stormed that town and were shouting *Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar*, meaning Allah is the greatest", an eyewitness said.

A woman who escaped and pleaded not to be named, said the attackers took securitymen unawares as residents fled.

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