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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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