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War against insurgents

Unidentified
plane drops
bomb in border
town

• 30 civilians killed

No fewer than 30 civilians were killed when an unidentified air-plane dropped a bomb on a Nigerian border village, military sources based nearby in Niger said yesterday.

Two military officials in the town of Bosso, where soldiers from Chad and Niger are massed in preparation for operations against Boko Haram, said the incident occurred in a village across the border in the Abadam area of Borno State.

"We don't know whose plane it was. We understand that the victims are residents who were gathered for a ceremony but who were mistaken for terrorists," said a military source. "Around 30 people perished." A second military source in Bosso, which is around 20 km (12 miles) from the scene of the bombing, confirmed details of the incident.

Meanwhile, soldiers shot dead a suicide bomber suspected of belonging to Boko Haram on Monday after he tried to detonate an explosive belt near a military post in the southern Niger town of Bagara, the army said on Tuesday. Three Boko Haram fighters armed with knives also attacked a military post and wounded a security agent in the town, an army statement said.

US to support
Cameroon



• Building destroyed by insurgents at Mararaba-Mubi town in Adamawa.

Boko Haram leader vows to disrupt elections in new video

• DHQ dismisses threat

By EMMA EMEZOR

In an apparent show of defiance and strength, Boko Haram leader has vowed to disrupt the forthcoming general elections with violence.

The threat comes as the allied forces decimate the group from all fronts. But the Nigerian Army has dismissed the threat. In his reaction, the

northern.

"Allah will not leave you to proceed with these elections even after us, because you are saying that authority is from people to people, which means that people should rule each other, but

Allah says that the authority is only to him, only his rule is the one which applies on this land," he said.

"And finally we say that these elections that you are planning to do, will not happen in peace, even if that costs us our lives.

In the video message,

titled "A message to the leaders of the disbelievers", Shekau also takes a swap at the leadership of Cameroon, Chad and Benin for their recent pledges of support to help Nigeria in its battle against the the group.

"You are claiming that we don't know how to fight,

but we forced your forces to flee from their bases and we freed our imprisoned brothers from the prisons that you oppressed them in, only praise be to Allah." The contents of the 12-minute video message could not be independently verify, reports said at press time.

Cameroon troops recover Nigerian
armoured carrier from sect