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From Molly Kilete, Abuja

No fewer than 20 people were killed and many others injured in a midnight attack by Boko Haram insurgents in Malari and other communities in Konduga Local Government Council of Borno State. The Police Commissioner, Mr. Opadokun Aderemi, said about nine bodies were recovered on Sunday, while 10 others who were seriously wounded have been taken to hospitals for medical attention.

The police commissioner, said in a statement: "Today, September 27, at about 2am, suspected Boko Haram terrorists attacked Malari village, Konduga Local Government Area. At least nine persons were reported killed, while 10 were injured. The village is not far from Alau Dam that supplies water to Maiduguri and its environs.

"The injured are being treated at the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital. Security has been beefed up to forestall a recurrence, as investigation progresses.

However, soldiers on counter insurgency operations have arrested a notorious Boko Haram terrorists leader, Alhaji Tijjani Usman Damagum and four other members of the group.

Damagum said to be a high profile leader of the terrorists group and on the wanted list of the security agency, was arrested at Damagum village, following intelligence report on Monday.

The suspect who is currently undergoing interrogation is also said to have led his members on several attacks in Yobe State.

This is even as the soldiers have continued to destroy more terrorists camps and strongholds in the Northeast.

Acting director, Army Public Relations, Colonel Sani Usman, who made this known in a statement, said soldiers have so far cleared terrorists camps at Kwatarha and Torikwaptir villages all in Gwoza Local Government Area of Borno State, during an offensive operation.

Usman in a statement issued in Abuja said a notorious Boko Haram terrorist who had been wreaking havoc on the communities was killed during the operation while four others were believed to have escaped with gun shot wounds. One AK-47 rifle was recovered from him.

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