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## Boko Haram kills 8 in Maiduguri

eight people in a series of raids on farming communities in Borno State, civilian militia members and local residents told AFP, yesterday.

The attacks weré carried out by gunmen travelling in pick-up trucks and on motorcycles outside the state capital, Maiduguri, on Wednesday and Thursday. Homes were razed, and food and livestock seized in an apparent reprisal attack against young men joining the civilian militia, which helps the military with security. "They killed eight farmers in the raids and burnt three villages which forced farmers to abandon their farms," said one militia leader, Ibrahim Liman.

Some 17 Islamist fighters stormed Mallan village at about 8:00 am on Thursday, killing two farmers. Three people were shot dead in the same village on Wednesday night, said resident Jidda Kori, who fled to Maiduguri.

"They mainly targeted young men in the attacks because they believe every young man is a member of the civilian vigilante" he added.

"They burnt down the entire village and took away our food, livestock and 13 bicycles." Kesa Kura village, which is near Mallan, was also attacked on Wednesday night, killing three people, said resident Mohammed Ahmed.

Another village, Manjita, was razed, but residents managed to flee after they were alerted by people fleeing Mallan, he added.

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