

# Imam, 16 others killed, 26 injured by suspected B'Haram in Borno

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AN IMAM and four other persons have been killed in a village in Borno State in renew attack by suspected Boko Haram members.

Sources said Boko Haram members invaded Kurmiri village in Mongumeri Local Government Area in the northern part of Borno Sunday night.

A source claimed the insurgents slit the throat of the Imam Ustaz Goni Bukar Tabare and four other residents without firing a shot.

Chairman Magumeri Local

Government Area, Alhaji Abubakar Abdulkadir, confirmed the attack. "Chief Imam of Kurmiri village and four other persons were slaughtered by suspected members of Boko Haram sect last night," he said.

He, however, assured that security has been beefed up in the area.

"We woke up this morning (Monday) and received a distress call that one of our communities witnessed Boko Haram attack. Five people were slaughtered, including the Chief Imam of Kurmiri village. We regret this attack and we pray Allah (God) grant Al-

janal Fida'u to the souls of the deceased and their families to bear the irreparable loss," he said.

He commended the security agencies and civilian JTF for "their promptness." He urged the people not to panic.

Similarly, no fewer than 12 persons have been killed and 26 injured in suicide bombing in a remote community in Borno State. Three suicide bombers suspected to be Boko Haram members, while attempting to move into a group of people at Mashimari village, a remote community in Konduga Local Government detonated their explosives, sources said.

Chairman State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) Ahmed Satomi told *Daily Sun*. "We have evacuated 26 injured persons. Sadly, 12 people lost their lives in the suicide attack by the suicide bombers. The injured have been taken to the General Hospital for treatment." The bombing which occurred at about 9pm on Monday was not reported in Maiduguri, Borno capital, so far 35 kilometres away until midday due to lack of telephone service. Boko Haram has destroyed nearly all the telecoms facilities in the area in the heat of the insurgency in 2014," he said.

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