

Boko Haram beheads 6 in Borno

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Boko Haram insurgents have beheaded six farmers at Dimge plantation, in Mafa Local Government Area of Borno State.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reported that the killing was the latest in a string of attacks in the violence prone North-East, where more than 20,000 people have been killed in the past nine years of insurgency.

The killing occurred on Sunday while the victims were working on their farms, an eye-witness, Jiddah Ahmad, told a NAN Correspondent in Jere town, near Maiduguri, yesterday.

Ahmad said the insurgents, who abducted seven farmers later slaughtered six of them in a nearby bush.

Ahmad, who is a younger brother to one of the slain farmers, said two of the slain farmers were from Lawanti Gongulon Village, in Jere.

According to him, the remaining four were from Masu Community in Mafa Local Government Area of the state.

“My brother was working in the farm together with other farmers. They were accosted by the insurgents when they went to fetch water at a river.

“The insurgents shot my brother before beheading him and beheaded another farmer on the same spot while an old farmer was set free,” Ahmad said.

A member of the Civilian Joint Task Force, Usman Muhammad, also told NAN that the insurgents had earlier slaughtered four other farmers at the same plantation.

Muhammad disclosed that the insurgents came to the farm on motorbikes and attacked the farmers.

He said the insurgents forced an aged farmer among the abductees to witness the brutal murder of other farmers, and told him to convey the message to families of the victims.

“We are currently seeking clearance from the military authorities, to enable us evacuate the corpses for proper burial,” he said.