

Lakurawa establishes camp in Niger, behead 3

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Lakurawa terrorist sects has beckoned in Niger State and hoisted its flag at Kemenji, Borgu sector of Kainji Lake National Park in Borgu Local Government of the state.

The group, numbering about 200 according to local sources in the area, arrived on Sunday on about 68 motorcycles with each of the motorcycles carrying between two and three members of the group.

“We did not know where they came from, but they told us that they are Lakurawa sects and that they have come to help their members who are constantly being harassed”, a villager told our correspondent on phone yesterday.

Our source said that their first point of call was Olli river ,where they hijacked some local boat drivers and ordered them to ferry them across to Awuru community in Borgu LG .

Our source also said that the terrorists who were fully armed with AK-47 rifles and other guns, ordered the local boat operators to ferry them across to Awuru community or the entire people would be wipe out.

“They were ferried in group to avoid a mishap even when they warned the drivers that any mishap would be with a heavy consequences for the community’, another source said .

It was further gathered that the group proceeded to Kada Olli village from where a masked man on a motorbike appeared and led them into the forest near Kemenji village, Borgu sector of Kainji Lake National Park.

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While on their way to their destination, the sects were said to have slaughtered three men they met working in their farms without any provocation and shot another woman in her head who died instantly.

Their bodies were evacuated later by the community after the terrorists had gone .

According to our source, security agents in the area were alerted on the movement of the terrorists and this prompted an aerial surveillance by a helicopter on Monday after the sects had escaped into forest.

The arrival of Lakurawa sects to the state is coming four years after the dreaded Boko Haram sects hoisted its flag in Kaore in Shiroro LG of the state.

The immediate past Governor of the state, Alhaji Abubakar Sani Bello had in 2021, confirmed that the Boko Haram sects had hoisted its flag in Kaore and some other communities in Shiroro LG .

He warned then, that the terrorists were trying to make Kaore their home and headquarters like they did to Sambisa forest, stressing that “the danger is that while Sambisa forest is several kilometres away from Abuja, Kaore is only two hours drive to Abuja”.

This, he warned, would make the federal capital unsafe if nothing urgently is not done to curtail the situation.

There is no official statement from either the government or the state police command on this latest development.