

members who gathered at the secretariat

indefinite strike over the issues raised.

Boko Haram Attacks in Ghashghar, Goptari

Our gallant soldiers need to tighten security in Mobbar, Abadam and Chibok local government areas of Borno State. The two deadly attacks carried out by Boko Haram in these areas this week were disheartening. In Ghashghar town (Mobbar LG), an unspecified number of Nigerian soldiers were killed when the terrorists stormed a joint position of the armies of Nigeria and Niger Republic. The Army has confirmed the attack and also admitted that 83 soldiers were missing. A community leader in the Ghashghar confirmed the attack, saying that the soldiers were taken by surprise when the terrorists launched an attack with heavy guns and rocket-propelled grenades. Reports that these bastards stole six military vehicles and weapons in the Ghashghar attack are also disquieting. The Ghashghar attack highlights the threat the group still poses in the region. Chief of Army Staff, Tukur Buratai has to do something very

fast about the low morale of our soldiers. There are allegations that soldiers are being cheated by their commanders who fail to pay their allowances in full, particularly feeding allowances.

Again, on Tuesday, Boko Haram invaded Goptari Village, 10 kilometres from Chibok and set it on fire after looting food supplies and livestock. The attack in Goptari came two days after a raid on Kallali Village (also near Chibok) where the terrorists looted and burnt homes. All these attacks underscore the continued threat of Boko Haram in Nigeria. Clearly, the military is still battling for control despite making gains against the terrorists. This is a fact we must face, if we want to end this war. This administration must work more on a political solution to this crisis. The recent release of 21 Chibok girls was a result of political maneuvering and not military effort. May Allah continue to protect our gallant soldiers.