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# Boko Haram attacks Rann, burns UNICEF clinic

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**U**ndisclosed persons were reportedly killed while many others injured when suspected Boko Haram insurgents attacked Rann town, the headquarters of Kala-Balge Local Government Area of Borno State on Thursday.

A security source, who does not want his name mentioned, claimed the incident occurred at 8.30pm when the attackers invaded Rann, shooting sporadically into the air, resulting in the

Also confirming the incident, an aid worker, who pleaded anonymity, said the troops of the Armed Forces Special Force stationed in Rann responded swiftly and engaged the attackers which led to killing of many of the insurgents and their vehicles were as well damaged.

He said: "They attacked Rann this evening (Thursday), there was confusion everywhere, but after an hour the shooting subsided. The Special Forces on ground responded appropriately, many of the insurgents were

killed but some civilians may have equally lost their lives.

"The casualty figure can't be ascertained tonight but some of the attackers' vehicles were damaged and abandoned."

It could be recalled that insurgents attacked Rann sometimes in March this year when humanitarian workers were killed and three others abducted.

In a related development, troops of operation Lafiya Dole repelled another attack on Bama town in Borno State where they dealt with the insurgents.

"Some suspected Boko

Haram members attacked Bama town at 4am but they were repelled by men of our troops. The gun duel lasted for about 45 minutes," the security source said.

Also, they were reported to have burnt down dozens of houses, including UNICEF clinic in the town while the casualties figure can't be ascertained.

He said the insurgents were successfully repelled by military stationed in the town.

The sources also said that UN had started evacuating its staff as a result of the security situation.