

# Scores killed as troops repel Boko Haram attack on Adamawa communities

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The Nigerian military on Thursday repelled night attack launched by suspected Boko Haram insurgents in Michika Local Government Area of Adamawa State, killing scores of them. Earlier reports by residents indicated that the insurgents stormed Kopa and Wurogayadi on the outskirts of Shuwa about 8pm, resulting in a stampede as residents scampered for safety.

A resident in the area said their entering into Michika caused residents who were busy celebrating the New Year to flee towards Uba town while others took refuge in nearby mountains. An eyewitness and a native of Michika, Mr Daniel Bulus, who spent the holidays in the area told our Correspondent that scores of insurgents were killed by the natives (local vigilantes) at the mountain assisted by soldiers in a fierce battle even as many of them fled with injuries.

According to Bulus, the Boko Haram came through Kopa community of Madagali Local Government, split themselves into two groups with one group following through Michika General Hospital while the other group took the town major road firing sporadically. He said the Boko Haram succeeded in looting some shops on the major road before soldiers engaged them in a fierce battle.

About 20 dead bodies of Boko Haram insurgents were seen littered on the roads, Bulus said. Another eyewitness who preferred anonymity stated that the Boko Haram fighters had a flat tyres on their Hilux vehicles and motorcycles which forced them to abandon them resulting in the heavy casualties recorded.

Speaking in a telephone interview, the former Chairman of Michika Local Government Council, Mr Stephen Maduwa, said military fighter jets were promptly drafted to the area and aircraft gunshots were heard by residents as the attackers were forced to retreat through Lassa, a community near the Sambisa Forest.

He said security personnel including the local vigilantes were quickly mobilised, repelled the attack and secured the communities. “During the night attack, the insurgents had entered our town of Michika opened fire sporadically. They attacked Michika General Hospital shot at people’s houses, before they were forced to retreat by soldiers and local vigilantes,” he said.

The former chairman who is a community leader called on President Muhammadu Buhari to be proactive in tackling this menace of insecurity plaguing the society. DSP Suleiman Nguroje, the command’s spokesperson, said the situation had been brought under control, even as he couldn’t give casualty figures as at the time of filing this report.

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