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Boko Haram kills 26 persons, including policeman, injures 9 in Borno

A policeman and 25 other persons, mostly fishermen, have been killed and nine others injured when suspected members of Boko Haram terrorists/Islamic State of West African Province (ISWAP), attacked Dikwa and Magumeri towns of Borno State.

A resident of Dikwa, Ibrahim Bulama said, "on Wednesday, many insurgents fighters suspected to be Boko Haram members opened fire on a group of fishermen who went to fetch firewood outside Guggo village, 18 kilometers (12 miles) from Dikwa town."

Bulama said, "We recovered 25 bodies last night along the river bank and nearby bushes. The figure may be more as we are still searching for more bodies in surrounding bushes."

The fishermen were said to have gone out to fetch firewood when the

insurgents came out and opened fire on them, killing 25 of them and the remaining fishermen fled to alert Dikwa people about the attack.

Also in Magumeri, the insurgents attempted to attack a police Crack squad in the town, killing one policeman, they also snatched a Hi-lux vehicle from the team, but it was later recovered by the joint military police operatives in the town.

A resident of the town said the insurgents who came on Wednesday parked their vehicle and walked to the police station and opened fire on the policemen who engaged them in gun battle, killing an Inspector of Police.

Confirming the incident yesterday,

the Borno State Police Commissioner, CP Abdu Umar said, "yes, yesterday Boko Haram attacked our Crack Squad stationed in Magumeri, where they engaged them in gun battle repelling the insurgents, but unfortunately bullet hit one of our personnel who died, his corpse has been brought to General Hospital, Maiduguri."

He said they also snatched one of their vehicles, but the joint military and police repelled and recovered the vehicle.

On the Dikwa attack, the CP said, "in Dikwa, 25 fishermen were killed, 9 injured, 4 are currently receiving treatment at the General Hospital, Dikwa."



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