

# Boko Haram Kills Two Prison Wardens in Borno

A prison has been broken into in the lowly town of Kumshe, in Borno State by gunmen suspected to be members of the Boko Haram sect, killing two prison wardens and setting free inmates.

It was gathered that the gunmen initially attacked a police station in Banki, the Nigerian border town with Cameroon but were repelled by the policemen on duty.

An eyewitness who spoke to journalists from Banki, a town in Bama Local Government Area of Borno, one of the places where the state of emergency was declared by President Goodluck Jonathan over four months ago, said the gunmen attacked the border town at about 11am on Thursday.

"Sporadic gunshots were heard in the exchange of fire between them and the police, and this went on for about 20 minutes."

He said when it dawn on the gunmen that they could not penetrate the police sta-

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tion, they took leave but they later regrouped and attacked the prison in Kumshe, about 40 kilometres away but within the same Bama Local Government.

Speaking on the attack on the prison, a police source said the gunmen came fully armed with explosives and sophisti-

cated guns.

According to him, they went straight for the prison and after gunning down two prison wardens, the other officials took to their heels and the gunmen set the prisoners free.

Spokesman of the Police in Borno State, Samuel Tizhe confirmed the incident.

He disclosed that the Police have "so far arrested 23 persons in connection with the attacks."

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while condemning recent clashes in Bamako, the Malian capital.

These decisions were contained in a communiqué issued at the end of the ECOWAS Extra-ordinary Summit held in Dakar on Thursday.

In the communiqué made available to THISDAY in Abuja yesterday, the Authority of Heads of States