

Nigeria: Boko Haram Kills 210 in Borno Dawn Attack, Says Senator Ahmed

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The Senator representing Borno Central in the Senate, Zannah Ahmed has lamented over the early Friday attacks on four towns in Borno State by Boko Haram insurgents where he claimed that 210 people were killed.

The senator claimed that the attackers were all dressed in military uniform and spoke English language which was a departure from the Hausa and Kanuri language spoken by the Boko Haram insurgents.

He even lamented that the military post in Gamboru when it received a distress call from the people of Kala Balge avoided the town, claiming that it was not under its area of command. The senator who said he was compelled to speak out because his people were being killed on a daily basis and felt obliged to raise his voice; said what was happening in Borno was beyond understanding.

"It is a must for me to speak since peoples' lives are involved and they are my people. All these are happening in my constituency and it will be wrong to keep quiet. I feel so much pained and would have not love to speak but definitely my conscience will not let me do that", he lamented. He said 210 people were slaughtered by the marauders who dressed in military uniform and attacked the towns in two armoured personnel cars and seven double cabin pickups.

According to him, they attacked a Teachers College in Dikwa and killed seven people, burnt down the school library and administrative block.

He claimed that Kala Balge was the worst hit, where 60 people were killed by the armed men who went on rampage killing everything in sight.

He said after they left Kala Balge, they went berserk and attacked three other towns in the area where a total of 150 persons were killed.

Though he could not give exact names of two of the town at the time of filing the story last night, among the towns attacked was Gambulga.

He said his people told him that: "Those people who attacked them were speaking English and could either be machineries from within the country or from outside." He stated the people spoke with some level of surety that those that attacked "did not look like Boko Haram".

He lamented that as he was presently speaking, the people of the area were fleeing to neighbouring Cameroon while some have already fled to Gamboru Ngala in the country. "It was unfortunate that when the Army post in Gamboru Ngala were informed, they went back after covering few kilometres as the soldiers insisted that it was outside their command area", he regretted.



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Boko Haram attack.

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