

"At this very moment, my thoughts go to the families of the victims. Just last month, EU Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management Christos Stylianides provided €21 million in humanitarian aid to help displaced people in Nigeria and neighbouring countries affected by the violence of terrorist organisations.

"The EU stands with the Nigerian people and authorities in our common fight against terrorism. I am confident the Nigerian authorities will continue to fight terrorism with the utmost determination and urgency, respecting rules for engagement. The EU will continue to support the country in its social and economic development, as well as to tackle urgent needs."

Sect slit throat of fleeing members...

In a related development, 11 defecting members of the dreaded Boko Haram sect were allegedly slaughtered in Borno State by the group in what sources described as an attempt to check defection and instill discipline among the members of the terror group.

A member of the youth vigilante group, Abba Modu told our correspondent on phone in Maiduguri that the militants stormed Miringa Town in southern part of Borno State, at about 04:30am yesterday slitting the throats of the 11 members who defected few days back.

Modu said the villagers were previously living in fear as "they had known that the 11 persons were up to no good.

"Everyone knew in the village that the men who recently came back to settle among them were Boko Haram because they had left long ago and with their sudden return, the villagers knew they were not safe."

Another resident of the town, Ibrahim Mohammed who called our correspondent on phone said about 50 terrorists sneaked into the village and went after the defecting members.

He said: "We heard cries from the area the 11 were living as they were isolated; we were all too scared to come out as the terrorists were shouting and equally shooting in the air.

"At the dawn of the morning when we summoned enough courage to come out, we saw the 11 in the pool of their blood."

Boko Haram Kills 11 in Highway Suicide Attack...

Also, some Boko Haram members took to the highways to unleash terror on troubled Borno State.

Two female suicide bombers were unleashed on Thursday on the highways of the Northeastern state.

According to the Borno state police commissioner, Mr. Aderemi Opadokun in two separate bomb blasts on the state highways, 11 persons were killed and 21 others were injured.

Opadokun said: "There was explosion at Malari Village along Bama/Konduga Highway on Thursday at about 1400 hours."

"A female suicide bomber detonated IED (Improvised Explosive Devices) strapped to her body, killing herself and 7 others," the police boss added.

He added that 13 persons sustained injuries in the first highway blast while another along Allau Dam Road on Bama/Konduga Highway by a female suicide bomber also "killed three other persons including the bomber, he disclosed.

"Corpses and injured victims were evacuated to UMTH (University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital)," he revealed.

He also confirmed Boko Haram attack on Kukawa, a community near the Lake Chad area on Wednesday "at about 1900hrs." He said the attack led to the "killing of many and burning of many houses," adding that at least "8 people are receiving treatment at UMTH."

A security source said the two female bombers targeted crowded areas along the highway where locals sell fruits.

He added that: "Eight people including the Boko Haram bomber died in the first explosion" while three were killed by the second blast along same highway, located southeast of the state, about 45 kilometres to Maiduguri.

Fleeing Boko Haram insurgents kill 29 villagers...

Boko Haram terrorists have attacked another Borno community, killing at least 29 persons, a local official said yesterday.

The Chairman of Mussa Youth Association, Sunday Waba said that the insurgents launched attack on Mussa Village while fleeing from a nearby area.

He said they shot sporadically at people in the village, which is in Askira-Uba Local Government of Borno State, that shared border with Adamawa State, another troubled state in the Northeast of Nigeria.

Waba said: "They (insurgents) have killed 29 people and burn down about 200 houses in our town,"

UPP Condemns Attacks...

Meanwhile, the United Progressive Party has condemned Boko Haram attacks at Monguno and Kukawa towns in Borno State which killed about 100 people and wounded many more this week.

In a statement issued yesterday, the National Publicity Secretary of UPP, Chief Ogbuehi Dike described it as outrageous, barbaric and detestable,