

# Boko Haram Razes 5 Borno Villages

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The Boko Haram insurgents have inched closer to Maiduguri, razing five villages in the suburb of the town.

The insurgency group, which many had thought had been depleted, on Tuesday this week undertook a daring attack on five villages about 10 kilometres away from Maiduguri, the capital of troubled Borno State.

The insurgents were alleged to have killed 11 persons in the five villages which they attacked between 8pm and 10pm on Tuesday.

A member of the youth vigilante group, who spoke anonymously to our correspondent in Maiduguri on Friday, said: "The insurgents attacked the five villages of Gurkolle I, Gurkolle II, Jajeri and Jatori (all in Jere local government area) and Ladi Mbutaye (in Mafa local government area) in a brutal attack on Tuesday.

He said the insurgents drove to the villages in tricycles and motorcycles and razed them.

He said at the two Gurkolle villages a person was killed in each.

At Jajeri, he said five persons were shot dead by the rampaging insurgents.

But at Jatori, there was no death though the entire village was razed down by Boko Haram insurgents.