

Boko Haram Attack Borno Village, One Killed

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Boko Haram insurgents have struck Dile village in Askira-Uba local government area of Borno State, torching some buildings and carting away all foodstuffs and livestock in sight.

It was gathered that the insurgents who shot sporadically during the siege on the village met an empty village as all the residents had fled into the hills and surrounding bushes.

A man, a son of the late village head (Lawan) was however not so lucky as he was too drunk to flee when others were escaping, and was caught by the insurgents who woke him up from his deep slumber before shooting him dead.

A resident of the town, Clement Satumari, who spoke to THISDAY on phone, said the insurgents invaded the village in their numbers about 7pm on Friday and shot all through the night.

He said the villagers were lucky to have detected that some people were laying siege on the village and were waiting for nightfall to launch an attack. He said this made everyone to flee into the surrounding hills and bushes before the insurgents could launch an attack.

Satumari said immediately it was dark the insurgents invaded the village and shot sporadically and even razed some buildings.

He said: "They ransacked everywhere and carted away foodstuffs and livestock," noting that the attack was on from 7pm till about 2am. "From our hiding place we were hearing gunshots and everywhere was silent at about 2am when they must have left", he added.

Satumari lamented that "when we got back to the village on Saturday morning at the break of dawn, we found Hamza Angyiu Lassa, a son of the last Lawan shot dead and his corpse was lying on the lonely street."

He said: "Hamza was always drunk and definitely would have been too drunk to escape when others were fleeing."