

## Boko Haram kills village head, 5 others in Borno, Yobe

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**M** AIDUGURI— FEW hours after suspected *Boko Haram* members killed four people including three Igbo and a Kanuri teenage-hawker on petroleum products in Mafoni Ward in Maiduguri metropolis, the group also attacked the Konduga Police Station in Konduga Local Government Area of Borno State, burning down a local church close to the police station.

This was even as two persons including a village head and securityman were killed by *Boko Haram* in a

separate attack at Geidam Local Government Area of Yobe State.

The killing of two people in Geidam was confirmed on the telephone by Yobe State

Police Commissioner, Tanko Lawal, who spoke from Damaturu, the state capital.

Spokesman for Borno State Police Command Samuel Tizhe also confirmed that three policemen were critically injured when suspected *Boko Haram* members invaded Konduga, 30 kilometres from Maiduguri.

However, the Yobe State Police Commissioner described the attack in

Geidam as "deadly."

According to Lawal, "some gunmen suspected to be members of the *Boko Haram* attacked the home of the Local Government Chairman of Yunusari, killing the younger brother of the Chairman who incidentally is the Village head of Bilalla.

Meanwhile, the paramount ruler of Tiv land, *Ochiviri Akawe Torkula*, has warned that the activities of the *Boko Haram* sect was pushing the country to an edge and threatening its corporate existence.

He urged the Federal Government to take decisive steps to check the activities of the sect which he said have resulted in the loss of thousands of innocent lives in parts of the country.

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