

# JTF parades 7 suspects over Biu church attack

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**M** A I D U G U R I — JOINT Task Force, JTF, otherwise known as *Operation Restore Order* in Borno State, yesterday, paraded seven suspected gunmen who were said to have attacked the EYN Church in Biu Local Government Area of the state about two weeks ago, killing three people with many others injured.

Parading the suspects at the 21 Armoured Brigade Headquarters, Maiduguri, JTF spokesman, Lt.-Col. Sagir Musa said the gunmen were arrested from various locations in Biu by a combined team of JTF and Department of State Security, DSS, personnel.

Musa, however, said the military alone cannot fight ~~crime~~ as security of lives and property was a collective responsibility. ~~He urged~~ the public to always volunteer information to nearest security agency.

He also said that criminals were not spirits, just as they do not come from different planets but live among the people, hence the need to expose them.

Those arrested (names withheld) were all said to be from Jigawa and Katsina states.

Asked whether they participated in the church attack, one of the suspects, who claimed to be a labourer in Biu market, said he was given N7,500 by someone (names withheld) to participate in the said attack, just as they accused one another of complicity in the matter.