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Again Boko Haram kills two; sets churches, houses ablaze

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Suspected members of Boko Haram terrorists have again invaded Pela Birni village of Hawul Local Government Area of Borno state, killing two residents before setting ablaze two churches and many residential houses ablaze.

Pela Birni is one of the populated and remote village under Kwajjafa District in southern Borno with Christian domination, and about few kilometres drive to Garkida town of Adamawa state.

Witnesses said, the gunmen who came to the village at about 10pm on Sunday with sophisticated weapons opened fire on their targets thereby displacing hundreds of residents who are now taking refuge around the mountainous areas of Kwajjafa District and it's environs.

Mallam Musa Anjili Pela Birni in a telephone call to our Correspondent said, he narrowly escaped being killed by the attackers, as the house he was sleeping in was also set ablaze.

"The gunmen invaded our village at about 10 o'clock in the evening on Sunday, they started shouting God is Great. In some houses, they did not shoot at the residents but ordered them to vacate their houses and set them ablaze, saying we are here for God work".

Another Resident who did not want his name mentioned in the print told our Correspondent that most of the neighbouring houses near the Church of Brethern, (EYN in Hausa) were set ablaze including the church, while two people lost their lives, as well as many sustained injuries.

He said, the gunmen who were large in number carrying AK47 rifles, petrol bombs and Improvised Explosive Devices (IED's) had a field day and wrecked havoc on innocent poor civilians.

The Chairman of Hawul Local Government Area, Dr. Andrew Usman Malgwi confirmed the incident, lamenting that the rate at which suspected insurgents are holding people to ransom in Borno state and other states in the north east is

worrisome, and calls for serious prayers from all and sundry.

“Yes there was an attack in one of my village (Pela Birni) yesterday (Sunday evening) which led to wanton killings and destruction of property. We have communicated to relevant security agencies on the matter who have swung into action with a view to apprehend the perpetrators, we have also mobilized our people to ascertain the damage and assist the displaced Persons as an interim measure”.

The Chairman however expressed shock and displeasure over the incident where innocent citizens and poor villagers who live from hand to mouth will be attacked, killed and have their houses including places of worship burnt down by insurgents for not just cause.

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