



Unending bloodbath: 19 terrorists, 10 others killed in fresh Boko Haram attack

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Less than 48 hours after innocent Nigerians were killed in cold blood with many others sustaining various degrees of injuries in a fresh bomb explosion in Abuja, on Thursday, suspected Boko Haram terrorists it was learnt also struck in Borno, killing 10 persons ; just as 19 suspected insurgents were killed in a gun battle with security forces in Gwoza local government area of Borno state on Thursday.

According to our correspondent, the incident where 10 persons were killed happened along Maiduguri- Beneshiek-Damaturu road.

Maiduguri- Beneshiek – Damaturu road is said to have remained a death trap with series of ambushes, particularly last year during which over 50 passengers and motorists were killed in the evening, before setting ablaze over 20 vehicles in a single ambush by terrorists. During the incident, the insurgents seized about seven vehicles which were abandoned by their occupants.

Meanwhile, the United States Embassy in Nigeria has condemned the second bomb blast that rocked Nyanya, Abuja on Thursday evening killing over 20 persons and injuring over 66.



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Chief of Defence Staff, Air Chief Marshal Alex Bade (l); Inspector General of Police,

In a statement by the embassy, it sympathised with the families of those who lost their loved ones or were injured by the blast. It read:

Alhaji Mohammed Abubakar (r) and other Service Chiefs during the day-long security meeting chaired by President Goodluck Jonathan at the State House, Abuja. Photo by Abayomi Adeshida 02/05/2014

“The United States Embassy strongly condemns last evening’s explosion in Nyanya, on the outskirts of Abuja, Nigeria. Our thoughts are with the families and loved ones of those who were killed or injured in this heinous act. This attack is not only on innocent people but on a democratic nation itself. Lawless violence and intimidation have no place in a democracy. We continue to stand with the Nigerian government and people as they face the threat of violent extremism,” the embassy said.

However, on the killing in Borno, Saturday Vanguard gathered that “the gunmen suspected to have emerged from Sambisa Forest enroute a new destination attempted to cross the busy road on Thursday evening, sighted vehicular movement and immediately ordered the drivers of two moving vehicles to stop. When they wouldn’t, they opened fire on the front and back tyres forcing the drivers to have no option than to stop.

“Immediately when the terrorists rushed towards the ill-fated vehicles, they opened fire on the occupants before using knives to slaughter 10 of them on the spot,” our source narrated.

When contacted on phone for confirmation, the Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Gideon Jubrin said, he is not aware of the incident, but a top security source confirmed the incident, adding that, “about 10 persons were killed while some vehicles were seized on Maiduguri- Beneshiekh road by suspected terrorists on Thursday evening.”

We will confront terrorists — PDP

Reacting to the ongoing indiscriminate killing of innocent Nigerians by insurgents, national leadership of the ruling party, Peoples Democratic Party, PDP has called on all Nigerians, irrespective of tribe, religion and party to unite and join forces with President Goodluck Jonathan in exposing all terrorists among us in the fight against insurgency, just as it said that recurrent attacks by members of Boko Haram were no longer about Jonathan or the government.

In a statement yesterday by PDP National Publicity Secretary Chief Olisa Metuh , the PDP noted that insurgents plan to destroy Nigeria and impose terrorism, adding that Nigerians cannot be cowed as terrorists will be confronted.

Metuh who noted that ordinary people have remained victims of insurgency in the country, said that Nigerians must realize that regular citizens have generally become targets irrespective of religious and ethnic differences and as such must stand up and join hands with government in the fight against terrorism.

Meantime, the Minister of State, Federal Capital Territory Administration, FCTA, Oloye Jumoke Akinjide yesterday joined other eminent Nigerians to condemn the bomb blast at Nyanya while also grieving with the families of those that lost their loved ones in the blast.

In a statement by her special assistant, Media, Ayodeji Adeyemi, the Minister who noted that the FCT administration was grieved by the latest bomb blast at Nyanya, however assured Nigerians that the government would do everything within its powers to put an end to the insurgency, just as she implored Nigerians not to allow themselves to be used by persons or groups who were bent on frustrating the government. She also urged Nigerians to be more vigilant and report any suspicious activities to the security agencies.