

about 4am yesterday but met resistance from the people who had advance knowledge of the impending attack.

“Exasperated with the endless terror unleashed upon them, local people have finally had enough and decided to take direct action to rid themselves of the menace.

“Early this morning, (Tuesday) armed with just traditional fighting equipment and charms, the residents launched a ferocious counter offensive as they were determined not to allow their town become a terrorist haven”.

One of the participants in the counter offensive said: “The people in Rann and its environs used traditional fighting equipment and charms to repel the attacks. We really confronted the attackers who were equally ready for fight.

“The villagers succeeded in protecting their dwellings from the attackers, killing about 200 members of the sect while many others escaped with serious wounds.

“Our people also recovered over 70 motorcycles that the attackers came in, including two Hilux vehicles and an Armoured Personnel Carrier, while some of the attackers were captured alive. ”The Rann battle lasted several hours.

### How Borno villagers killed the insurgents

According to reports, the villagers who got wind of the plan, prepared for the Boko Haram attack by digging trenches for the purpose. The Rann village, located in the middle of a Boko Haram strong-hold, had been attacked by Boko Haram in the recent past.

According to reports, over 400 Boko Haram terrorists stormed Rann and neighbouring villages in the early hours of Tuesday, with their usual convoy of Hilux trucks, motorcycles and APC (Armoured Personnel Carriers) only to meet villagers ready for them this time.

The civilian villagers reportedly pounced on the terrorists with mere rocks, bows and arrows, local dane guns, swords and “charms”. Boko Haram members, said to be much frightened of Civilian-JTF, ran from the civilians. The battle reportedly raged till the sun came up and ended with the civilians killing over 200 Boko Haram terrorists, capturing several prisoners and recovering several of their vehicles.

Last week, Boko Haram terrorists ravaged Gondura Ngala town, reportedly killing over 300 residents. On April 14th, Boko Haram stormed Chibok and abducted over 200 girls.

The Shehu of Bama was reported to have ordered his citizens to go get guns, after his town was completely decimated twice by Boko Haram terrorists with no military response for the full eight hours of carnage.

### Boko Haram Begins to Destabilise Cameroon

Meanwhile, Senior defence officials say that Cameroon has been infiltrated by Boko Haram and there are fears the nation, is drifting into chaos.

“Right now, we are being infiltrated by Boko Haram. The military has decided to strengthen the intelligence system to effectively counter this threat, which seems to be gaining local support,” Colonel Didier Badjeck, spokesperson for the Cameroon Ministry of Defence, told IPS.

Governor of Cameroon's Far North Region, Augustine Awa Fonka, told IPS that the precision with which the extremist group attacked a military post in the region on May 5, lends credence to the fact that the attack was carried out with the help of local informants.

Cameroon's north western border runs along the length of Nigeria's eastern border, stretching to Nigeria's north-east — a Boko Haram stronghold.

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