

Boko Haram kills 43 in separate attacks

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The Presidential Fact-finding Committee on the Abduction of over 200 Chibok schoolgirls is yet to visit Chibok, six days after arrival in Maiduguri, the Borno State capital.

The Committee led by Brig-Gen. Ibrahim Sabo, rtd, arrived the state last Sunday.

Sources told Saturday Vanguard that the committee postponed its visit to Chibok yesterday, following security reports that the road leading to the area was not safe.

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One of the major reasons why the government set up the panel was due to alleged reports that the Borno State government was not giving correct information on Boko Haram activities to the military in the area.



This is even as some suspected Boko Haram terrorists shot dead 30 farm workers as they tilled their fields in remote northeast Nigeria, a police source said on Thursday, amid a mounting insurgency increasingly targeting civilians.

Three people being treated in hospitals for wounds they sustained in earlier attacks were also shot dead in hospitals, bringing to 43, the number of those killed by Boko Haram in the last three days in the state.

The gunmen had earlier attacked Kuburzwi and Kimba villages in Damboa and Biu Local Government Areas yesterday morning, killing over 10 people and setting houses and shops ablaze.

Kuburwui is about seven kilometres away from Chibok, while Kimba also south of Borno is about 140 kilometres drive from Maiduguri, the state capital.

Thursady's attack led to the destruction of the village of Chukku Nguddoa, said the police source in Borno state, the heart the revolt that is piling political pressure on the government.

The Committee's terms of reference are: to liaise with the Borno State Government and establish the circumstances leading to the Chibok school remaining open for boarding students when others were closed; to liaise with relevant authorities and parents of the missing girls to establish their actual number and identities; to interface with the security services and ascertain how many of the missing girls have returned; to mobilise the surrounding communities and the general public on citizens' support for a rescue strategy and operation; to articulate a framework for moving out of their houses for safety."

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