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Nigeria: Boko Haram - Tension Heightens in Adamawa

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Yola — Anxiety, panic gripped residents of Mubi, the commercial nerve centre of Adamawa State, yesterday, as news spread that Boko Haram insurgents were closing in on the town. This came as the military vowed that the onslaught to checkmate activities of the terrorists will not stop until they are completely wiped out.

The military has also claimed that it raided the terrorists' hideout in Kawuri, killing more than 50 of the terrorists as it recovered anti-aircraft guns, armoured tank and artillery gun. An officer and two soldiers were wounded during the raid according to the military.

President Goodluck Jonathan, on his part urged Nigerians to pray for the security forces as they battle the insurgency.

In the last five days, the insurgents have allegedly taken over five towns in Borno and Adamawa states. The towns are Bama, the second largest town in Borno; Bara and Banki as well as Gulak and Madagali in Adamawa State.

DISPLACED—Some Internally Displaced Persons (Idps) during the visit of Gov Kashim Shettima of Borno State to their camp in Maiduguri, weekend. Photo: NAN.

In Mubi, yesterday, there was stampede and confusion as people ran helter skelter following an alert that the insurgents were closing in on the town. The entire city was almost deserted.

According to one report, the insurgents were also close to Vimtim, the home town of the Chief of Defence Staff, Air Marshall Alex Badeh. It was gathered that armoured tanks have, however, been deployed to the area to scare away the advancing insurgents.

Fleeing residents narrate ordeal

However, fleeing residents interviewed by Vanguard said the insurgents had taken over Michika town yesterday morning, just two days after allegedly capturing Gulak town which had a large presence of soldiers.

A resident of Michika, who arrived Yola said the insurgents slit the throats of young people and shot the elderly at close range, saying the civilian casualty was more than 100 with many others separated from their families.

According to the resident: "They killed several of my friends, they rounded up dozens of young people, laid them on the ground and slit their throats while the elderly ones were shot at close range".

Pandemonium was also reported in Uba, Mararaba Mubi and Mubi town as residents fled, joining thousands of displaced persons from Gwoza, Izige, Damboa, Madagali and Gulak.

A civil servant in Mubi, Usman Habu, said many residents headed for remote villages and other settlements south of the state capital, Yola.

My father was killed - Fintiri's aide

Boko Haram fighters had earlier stormed Gulak in the northern part of Adamawa State, near the hilly border with Cameroon, where they were believed to have bases.

Sabo Lukas, a witness, who spoke to Reuters news agency, said he saw men from the armed group moving from house to house and firing at residents. He explained that he was unable to keep count of the number of victims.

"As I am talking to you, they are still there killing people," Lukas, who escaped to the Adamawa State capital, said.

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