

20 killed as insurgents invade village in Borno

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No fewer than 20 people, including 12 terrorists, were killed, while scores sustained gunshot injuries when a group of suspected Boko Haram insurgents invaded Ngulde Village of Askira/Uba Local Government Area of Borno State.

Ngulde is in the south and about 80km drive from Askira and just some 40 kilometres away from

Chibok Local Government Area which shares local border with Sambisa forest.

This is the second time Ngulde is witnessing Boko Haram attack - the first was in 2014 when the insurgents attacked the town but only burnt down the Police post.

Sources said the insurgents connived with some residents of the village suspected to be collaborators of Boko Haram on Wednesday at about 12 noon and wrecked havoc on innocent civilians,

which led to the killing of eight residents with several others injured, before setting ablaze some houses, places of worship and shops.

The source added that "with quick intervention of members of vigilantes (Local hunters), no fewer than 12 of the insurgents were killed while others fled with various degrees of injuries.

"Our village came under deadly attack on Wednesday when some group of terrorists armed with AK47

rifles, Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) and petrol bombs, invaded our village claiming many lives in the process while properties worth millions of naira were destroyed. Our vigilante group confronted them and repelled the attack, killing a dozen of the terrorists.

"As I am speaking to you now, most of our people including old, aged parents have fled the village as the terrorists vowed to come back and sack the whole

village", a surviving resident and reliable source revealed in a telephone interview with *Sunday Vanguard*.

Another resident (names withheld for security reasons) also said that they had to flee the village and return back on Thursday to bury the dead according to religious rites.

"The terrorists killed eight of our people including an 80 year old man, injured several others and looted foodstuff and livestock before they also

met their Waterloo from the hands of our Local hunters", a resident who did not want his name mentioned in print stated.

All efforts to confirm the incident from the Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Gideon Jubrin, did not yield positive result as his cell phones were switched off. However, a reliable security source who is not authorised to talk to the press confirmed the attack and killings in Ngulde on Wednesday afternoon.

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