

# News

## Boko Haram kills 100 in Borno

●As death toll in Monguno villages' killings rises to 46

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SUSPECTED Boko Haram  
militants, Wednesday night, killed  
no fewer than 100 people in  
attacks on homes and mosques in  
Kukawa village, Borno State,  
according witnesses.

A resident of the village who

gave his name as Kolo told  
AFP that "the attackers have  
killed at least 97 people," as he  
had counted the bodies.

A fisherman, who witnessed  
the attack corroborated the  
death toll, saying: "They  
wiped out the immediate  
family of my uncle, they killed

his children, about five of them,  
and set his house ablaze."

Another witness called Babami  
Alhaji Kolo who fled to  
Maiduguri, the capital of Borno  
State where the attack took place,  
said more than 50 militants  
stormed the village early  
Wednesday evening.

He said: "The terrorists first  
descended on Muslim  
worshippers in various mosques  
who were observing the  
Maghrib prayer shortly after  
breaking their fast. They opened  
fire on the worshippers who  
were mostly men and young  
children. They spared nobody.

"In fact, while some of the  
terrorists waited and set most of

the corpses on fire, others  
proceeded to houses and shot  
indiscriminately at women who  
were preparing food."

Meanwhile, death toll in Boko  
Haram attacks on Monguno  
villages during the one day  
official visit of the Vice President,  
Professor Yemi Osinbajo to the  
state has risen from 10 to 46 as a  
result of severe gunshot wounds  
sustained by victims who could  
not be conveyed to hospitals for  
treatment.

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Insurgency: All hopes not lost. Osinbajo assures