

Scores killed, houses razed in fresh Borno village attacks

By Ndahi Marama

MAIDUGURI—SUSPECTED members of Boko Haram sect last Saturday evening invaded Malari village of Konduga Local Government Area of Borno State, killing scores of residents after setting ablaze houses.

The insurgents, according to sources, also looted food items and loaded same into some vehicles they snatched from the villagers before they fled into Sambisa forest.

Malari village borders some parts of Sambisa forest, a fortified camp of terrorists and about 20 kilometres away from Maiduguri, the state capital.

The incident, according to security source, came at a time troops had been combing some strategic points of Sambisa to confront terrorists in their hideouts.

Fleeing residents of Malari village told *Vanguard* that the insurgents were not many as they came into the community with three motorcycles fully armed with AK47 rifles and petrol bombs, shoot at anyone on sight.

Sources in Maiduguri, particularly those who reside along Tashan Bama road and University of Maiduguri, said on

Sunday morning that they saw many military patrol vehicles conveying the dead and the injured ones to undisclosed hospitals in Maiduguri.

Another source from Mairi ward of Maiduguri Metropolis who gave his name as Aliyu Musa, told *Vanguard* on phone that he sighted many members of the civilian JTF and troops

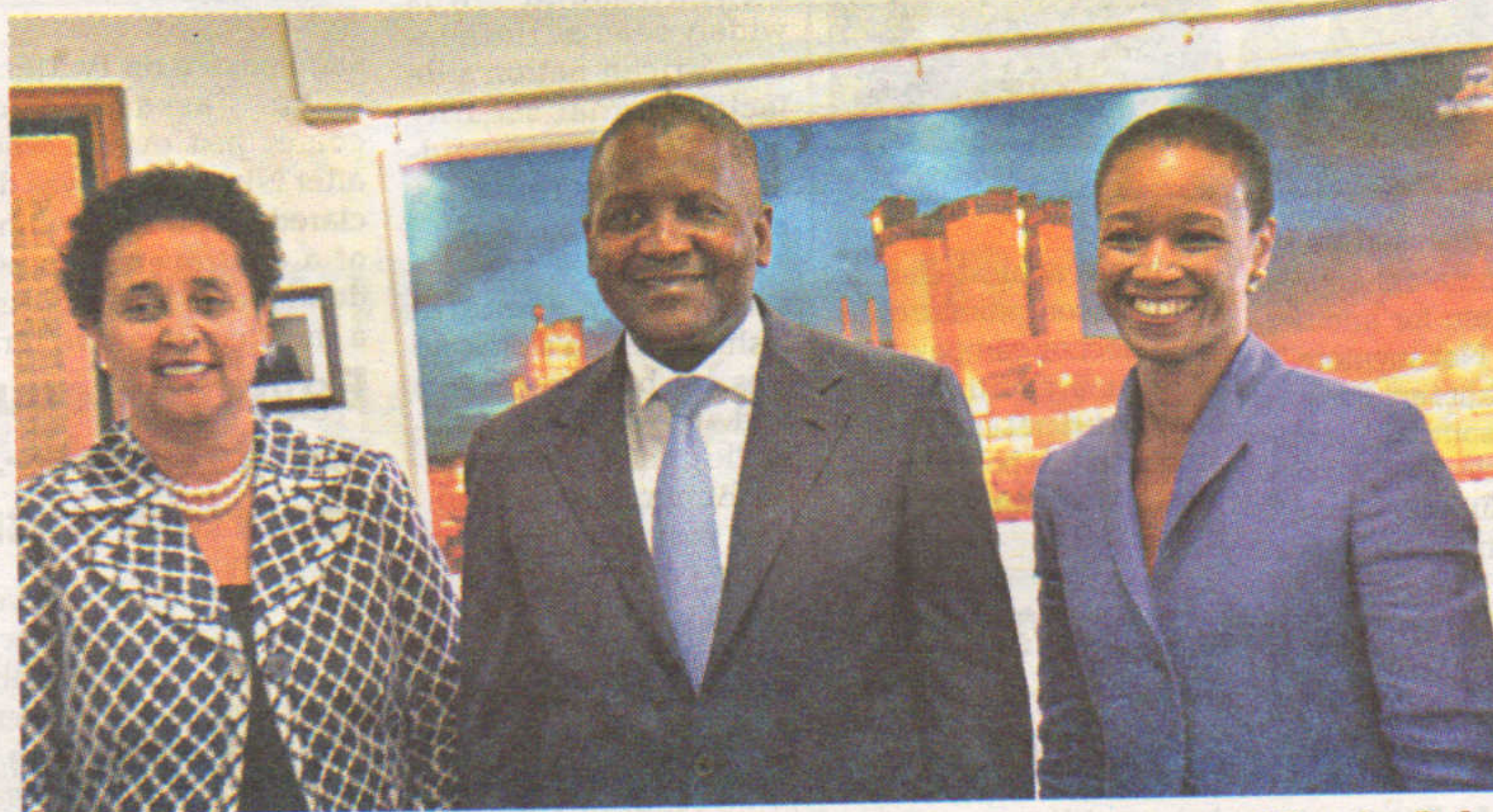
heading towards Konduga at about 10am on Sunday.

He said: "I was at the main road leading to Konduga when I saw many vehicles conveying troops and civilian JTF, and when I became inquisitive, I learned that they were heading to Malari village to rescue the victims of Boko Haram attack which took place in the community on

Saturday evening."

When contacted, the Deputy Director, Army Public Relations, Colonel Tukur Gusau, in a text message told *Vanguard*, "I will get back to You."

The Police Commissioner, Mr. Aderemi Opadokun, did not respond to a text message sent to his cell phone at the time of this report.



SIGNING OF MOU: From left; Acting Consul General, US Embassy, Nigeria, Dehab Ghareab, President/Chief Executive, Dangote Group, Aliko Dangote, and Deputy Director, US Trade and Development Agency, USTDA, Enoch T. Ebong, at the signing of Memorandum of Understanding, MoU, between Dangote Oil Refinery and USTDA in Lagos.

NEMA repatriates 620 Nigerian refugees from Cameroon

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MAIDUGURI—THE National Emergency Management Agency, NEMA, yesterday, repatriated over 600 Nigerian refugees who fled to Cameroonian border towns of Fotokol, Amchide and Maroua, following recent Boko Haram attacks on Gambouru, Banki, Dikwa and Banki that claimed many lives and properties in Borno State.

The refugees, according to North East Zonal Coordinator of the agency, Alhaji Mohammed Kanar, took refuge in three Cameroonian towns and villages, since they fled to the Cameroonian border areas of Gambouru and Banki for safety early this year and last month.

"The Gambouru residents, including women and children, had fled because of Boko Haram incessant attacks on their communities and they had no other means of escape but through the

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