

# Boko Haram kills 18 firewood, charcoal scavengers in Borno

By Ndahi Marama

**MAIDUGURI**—ABOUT 18 people were reportedly killed by suspected members of Boko Haram sect in Koshebe general area of Jere Local Government Area of Borno state, just as a potential suicide bomber was Monday arrested by men of the Civilian Joint Task Force, CJTF, and handed over to Security Forces.

It was gathered that the victims, firewood and charcoal scavengers, had gone to the village, Monday, to fetch firewood and charcoal for sale to residents of Maiduguri, the state capital.

According to a police source in one of the Divisional Police Offices in Jere 10 bodies were evacuated from the scene of the attacks to Maiduguri, leaving 8 other dead bodies at the scene due to inaccessibility.

Another source said he saw security vehicles conveying the dead bodies along Kadamari-Maiduguri road at about 2pm yesterday.

"There was an attack and ambush on firewood sellers, who had gone to the bush to fetch their products by suspected members of Boko Haram terrorists in Koshebe general area of Jere Local Government Area of Borno State.

"Eighteen dead bodies were seen at the scene of the attacks,

but as it is, only 10 bodies were recovered and evacuated so far by our security forces in conjunction with members of Civilian Joint Task Force, CJTF. "The remaining eight dead bodies are yet to be evacuated due to inaccessibility of the area," the sources said.

Meanwhile, a potential suicide bomber, Goni Modu, who sneaked into Bakassi IDP Camp, was Monday arrested by men of the Civilian Joint Task Force, CJTF, and handed over to

security forces.

Also apprehended were two insurgents who disguised to be madmen on hostile surveillance in Damaturu, the Yobe state capital.

According to a security report, "reliable information reveals that on February 18, a potential suicide bomber, Goni Modu, who sneaked into Bakassi IDP Camp was napped by men of the Civilian Joint Task Force, CJTF, and handed over to security forces."

## LUTH raises alarm over abandoned accident victim

By Chioma Obinna

**MANAGEMENT** of the Lagos University Teaching Hospital, LUTH, Idi-Araba, yesterday, raised the alarm over an abandoned accident victim at its Accident and Emergency centre, since June 2018.

The victim, a woman with an undisclosed identity as gathered, was rushed to the teaching hospital by the police eight months ago, after she was knocked down by a vehicle around Ebute-Metta area.

Though treatment according to the tertiary hospital, had been ongoing but the victim is yet to regain her mental balance, a situation that was said to have made it impossible to get her true

identity.

Expressing worry over the situation, LUTH's Corporate Affairs Manager, Mr. Kelechi Otuneme, said: "She is presently being managed in the Ward and not yet mentally stable to give accurate information about herself and her relatives.

"Management is using this medium to appeal to members of the public who may be looking for a relation (female) to visit the LUTH for identification.

"Enquiries should be directed to the Corporate Services Division, 2nd Floor, Accident and Emergency Building, LUTH, Idi-Araba(08034546666)."