# Scores killed, many injured as Boko Haram fires rocket launcher into Borno IDPs camp

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MAIDUGURI—Unspecified number of persons taking refuge in one of the Internally Displaced Persons, IDPs, camps in Dikwa Local Government Area of Borno State were feared killed, weekend, as Boko Haram terrorists fired rocket propelled launchers into a crowd in the camp.

Several other persons were said to have sustained injuries and are currently receiving treatment in hospitals in Maiduguri.

The attack came as a group of insurgents also on Saturday night, invaded Lassa communities of Askira-Uba Local Government Area, sacked residents, looted food items and livestock before setting ablaze several houses and shops without confrontation.

Dikwa is about 70km drive east of Maiduguri, the state capital, while Lassa South, which shares boundary with Sambisa forest, is over 200km away and had witnessed series of deadly attacks by insurgents.

A staff of one of humanitarian agencies operating in the area, who preferred anonymity, said: "I can confidently tell you that there was an attack by insurgents in Dikwa over the weekend when rocket launchers were fired at one of the IDPs camps that killed some people, while others were injured.

"In fact, while I was in Dikwa for our normal humanitarian operations, I saw the injured ones being conveyed to Maiduguri for treatment, while those who lost their lives have been buried according to Islamic rite."

Meanwhile, a group of terrorists on Saturday night stormed Lassa town of Askira Uba Local Government Area and wreaked havoc.

Although details of casualty figure remained sketchy at press time, sources revealed that fleeing residents who returned to the community, yesterday, morning saw many residential houses and places of business razed into ashes.

The source, who hails from Lassa town, but resides in Maiduguri, told Vanguard that he received a distress call from one of his family friends in Lassa that many structures were razed by attackers without confrontation.