

3 dead, as *Boko Haram* attacks humanitarian workers in Borno

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THREE people were feared killed and two others kidnapped, yesterday, when suspected members of the *Boko Haram* attacked humanitarian workers in Borno State, just as they reportedly tried to over-run Yobe Police Command.

The insurgents attacked the Maiduguri-Monguno Road.

Credible sources within the UN system in Maiduguri, Borno State, confirmed the attack. Details were still sketchy as officials within the UN offices said it was too early to give correct figures of casualties.

A reliable UN source said the two of the abductees were female.

"I can confirm to you that the sad incident happened today(yesterday) along

Monguno Road, but one cannot be certain about the actual figure yet," said the source who craved anonymity.

It was gathered that the attacked humanitarian workers are employees of an international NGO called Alima.

Alima is the first NGO to set foot on the reclaimed town of Monguno in June 2016, when it commenced humanitarian aid operations in Borno State. It is still providing services in Monguno to date.

All efforts to contact officials of Alima for further confirmation were not successful at the time of this report.

The military too could not be reached for confirmation and has not released any statement on the attack.

Meanwhile, *Vanguard*

gathered last night that *Boko Haram* insurgents were trying to overrun the Yobe State Police headquarters, Damaturu.

Military source said the insurgents were advancing to Damaturu from Tarmuwa Local Government Area of the state, but the military contained the situation by repelling the attack.

The source said: "*Boko Haram* insurgents tried to enter the capital city of Yobe State through Tarmuwa, but were repelled by our men where they were trying to attack the police headquarters."

In order to secure the entire state, the state government barred any vehicle from entering the state.

The police also appealed to the residents not to panick as the situation is under control.

...8 in fresh Niger attack

EIGHT persons were feared killed by bandits in an attack on Kaure community, of Kwaki Ward in Shiroro, Local Government Area, Niger State.

The attack, which occurred in the early hours of Saturday, reportedly left several persons critically injured and many displaced from their homes.

The councillor representing the

ward, Jafaru Kwaki, confirmed this to Channels Television, saying the information only got to him yesterday, as the affected community is a remote one.

He said: "I received the sad report Sunday (yesterday) that armed men dressed in black, stormed Kaure community in Kwaki, that's under my ward, as early as 7:00 am.

"They were on motorbikes, as it is their style, and began to shoot sporadically.

"Eight persons have lost their lives in the attack. As for the injured persons, we cannot ascertain the number of people injured in the attack yet, because many escaped into the bushes with bullet wounds, but we were able to move 15 who sustained various degrees of injuries to health centres."