

Boko Haram kills three soldiers, two policemen in Borno

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MAIDUGURI—SUSPECTED members of Boko Haram sect on Tuesday evening invaded Khaddamari, the Headquarters of Jere Local Government Area of Borno State, killing three soldiers and two policemen.

The suspected terrorists were said to have fired Rocket Propelled Grenades, RPG, and launched attack on a military base at Ngamdu town of Kaga Local Government Area of the state.

The attack, which was

ongoing at the time of this report, it was gathered, started at about 6:30pm, leading to exchange of heavy gunfire from the Nigerian forces stationed in the town.

Ngamdu was one of the communities the Chief of Army Staff, Lieutenant General Yusuf Tukur Buratai, celebrated the Easter with his troops this week in the town, as he promised to remain in the war-torn region till the end of Boko Haram.

According to a source, the remains of the deceased officers were evacuated yesterday morning to a facility in

Maiduguri, the state capital.

Khaddamari is less than 15kilometers drive from the metropolis, which witnessed series of deadly attacks in recent times.

Also along Marte-Dikwa road, another source told Vanguard that some motorists in convoy of some security escort ran over an Improvised Explosive Devices, IEDs, suspected to have been planted on the highway, and it exploded, leading to some unspecified number of casualties last Monday.

According to a resident of Khaddamari who spoke on

condition of anonymity, "the insurgents invaded the community through Ladin Buta village heavily armed and wreaked havoc with looting of foodstuff and livestock."

Efforts to speak with the Army, including the fresh exchange of gunfire between troops in Ngamdu and terrorists, were abortive.

Acting Director, Army Public Relations, Colonel Sagir Musa, when contacted, said via WhatsApp: "I will forward my response soon my brother". But press time last night, he was yet to do that."