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4 policemen, 7 villagers killed as ISWAP attacks Yobe community

FOUR policemen and seven villagers were killed, yesterday, when suspected members of Islamic State in West Africa Province, ISWAP, attacked Bayamani in Yobe State.

The insurgents were said to be fleeing from the Sambisa forest following recent onslaughts by the armed forces in the area.

Dungus Abdulkarim, police spokesperson in Yobe, who confirmed the attack, said he is not authorised to provide details yet.

The policemen, sources, said were protecting the villagers when the insurgents struck.

The source said: "The policemen were on alert and tried to engage, but were overpowered by the insurgents who were tens in number. Villagers started running as the insurgents shot sporadically, and not less than seven people were hit."

Another source said some of the fleeing insurgents are now setting

up makeshift camps in the area, from where they allegedly launch attacks on the villagers.

Although in the past weeks, the military has recorded successes in the fight against the insurgents, communities in the north-east continue to come under attack.

Mohammed Yerima, the army spokesperson, did not immediately respond to a message seeking development on the attack.

Meanwhile, Mohammed Yerima,

Director Army Public Relations, said Nigerian troops have eliminated terrorists who attacked villagers in Yobe.

He said: "The troops engaged the terrorists with fierce volume of fire and neutralised two of them in the process while some escaped with gunshots wounds.

"The gallant troops are in pursuit of the enemies and have continued to dominate the general area."

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