

• Structures destroyed by Boko Haram in the Adamawa attack.

B-Haram kills 16 in Borno, Adamawa, razes 50 houses

• Shops, schools, UN facilities destroyed • 3 soldiers, 6 others killed, UN facilities burnt in Damasak attack in Borno • Insurgents take away medical consumables, ambulances, vehicles of humanitarian workers • 7 killed, worship centres, schools burnt, 5,000 people displaced in Adamawa • Hoodlums invade police station in Cross River, cart away AK47 rifles • Gunmen abduct Catholic priest in Imo; 13-yr-old in Ogun, demand N50m ransom • Robbers kill two security guards in Ondo

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ABUJA—The soldiers, were killed in insecurity situation in the country worsened weekend as Boko Haram and its sister formation, Islamic State of West Africa, ISWAP again launched attacks on communities in Borno and Adamawa states, killing people and rendering thousands homeless.

No fewer than nine persons, including three

Area, when the insurgents invaded the community.

These attacks came as hoodlums on Saturday night, invaded Ekori police station in Yakkur Local Government Area of Cross Rivers State, carting away an AK-47 rifle with some rounds of ammunition.

This is even as gunmen kidnapped a 13-year-old boy in Ogun State, demanding N50 million ransom to set him free, just another set of gunmen also abducted a Catholic priest in Imo State but are yet to make

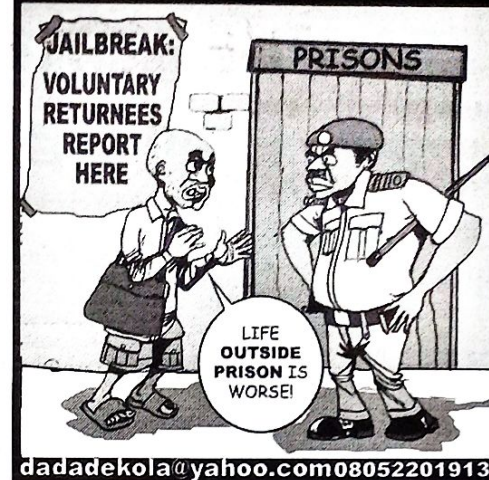
demands.

In the Borno attack, residents told Vanguard that the Boko Haram insurgents invaded Mobbar Sunday evening and engaged the military who tried to repel them.

It was learned that in the gun battle, some of the insurgents were killed, while three soldiers also lost their lives.

The attack took place in the absence of Governor Babagana Zulum, who was said to have travelled to Ibadan to receive an award bestowed on him by

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authorities of University of Ibadan as 'Most Distinguished Alumnus'.

In Damasak, some residents who survived the attack, told Vanguard that the insurgents also stormed the general hospital in the area and carted away medical consumables and equipment without confrontation.

A source told Vanguard operational vehicles and facilities of humanitarian workers, including those of the United Nations were either carted away or set ablaze.

The insurgents, who were said to have arrived the community in military-camouflaged gun truck, opened fire on a military formation, forcing many residents and security operatives to flee into Maiduguri town, until a reinforcement team, including mobile policemen, were deployed to restore sanity to the area.

The Damasak attack

Confirming the Damasak attack and killings, chairman of Mobbar Local Government Area,

Mustapha Bunu Kolo, exclusively told our correspondent that the latest attack was very devastating and worrisome, especially as it targeted humanitarian hubs which had been assisting in no small measure to improve the lives of traumatized citizens.

"Yes, there was a devastating Boko Haram attack in Damasak yesterday night (Saturday). Most worrisome is the killing of six people when a military airstrike assisting ground troops fired at one of the Boko Haram vehicles that rammed into a family where friends and relatives had gathered in a ceremony.

"The insurgents destroyed all humanitarian hubs and their facilities after carting away foodstuffs at one of their main warehouses.

"The insurgents also went to General Hospital, and carted away medical consumables with a brand new ambulance stationed at the facility." Kolo lamented.

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