

# Mayhem in Gombe as Boko Haram wreaks havoc in Borno

● Houses burnt, govt slams 24-hr curfew on 3 communities ● Many feared dead as Boko Haram attacks Damasak in Borno ● Houses, police station, market, shops, schools burnt down

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① **GOMBE**—No fewer than 15 persons were on Tuesday night, killed in the Waja/Lugunja communal clash that affected three communities of Gombe State.

The killings in the affected communities of Nyuwar, Jessu and Yolde in Balanga Local Government Area compelled the state government to declare a 24-hour curfew yesterday.

② This came as Boko Haram insurgents, for the second time in one week,

also on Tuesday attacked Damasak in Mobbar Local Government Area of Borno State, killing many persons whose number is yet to be ascertained by security agencies.

The insurgents also razed houses, schools, markets, shops, police stations and whatever was left of the United Nations' humanitarian hub in the area.

**Vanguard** learned that while eight persons were killed at Nyuwar, seven others had life snuffed out of them at Jessu.

Several other persons

were also said to have been injured in the clash.

The level of destruction of the communities forced the governor, Muhammadu Inuwa Yahaya, to embark on on-the-spot assessment of the troubled communities yesterday.

## 'Attackers came at night'

At Nyuwar, representative of the district head, Mr. Yohanna Istifanus, narrated to the governor how his community was stormed by attackers in

the late hours of the night.

He said: "We were asleep with our families in our homes, only for the militia, armed with dangerous weapons to attack our houses and set our food storage facilities ablaze. They asked us to vacate the land, else they will wipe out the entire Lunguda tribal communities.

"The attack claimed the lives of eight of our people as we were caught off guard and the attackers threatened to return tonight (last night).