



## Boko Haram terrorists kill soldier, 3 civilians in Borno ambush

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**MAIDUGURI** — Suspected armed members of Boko Haram terrorists, weekend, ambushed motorists and passengers, including soldiers and Civilian Joint Task Force (CJTF) members during escort along Gwoza-Limankara-Uvaha Road, leaving one soldier and three passengers dead.

Sources told Vanguard, yesterday, that the terrorists also set ablaze five commercial vehicles, including a security patrol vehicle, while scores of motorists and passengers were either abducted or missing in action.

This came as the Senator representing Southern Borno, Mohammed Ndume called for a robust collaboration between military and youths in Gwoza to end renewed killings in the community.

Sources informed that the incident took place at 5p.m., on Saturday, but due to telecommunication lapses delayed, the information got out, yesterday.

It will be recalled that last week, a member of the House of Representatives, representing Gwoza/Chibok/Dambo, Ahmed Jaha, raised the alarm over the killing of 10 farmers within a period of 10 days in Gwoza Local Government Area of the state.

Meanwhile, First Class Emir of Gwoza, Alhaji Mohammed Timta, last week lamented the renewed killing of farmers while harvesting their crops by terrorists.

A source, who confirmed the attack, said: "I can inform you that about three civilians and a soldier were killed in Boko Haram ambush along Gwoza-Limankara-Uvaha road."

"The deceased soldier (names withheld) for security reasons, was among the security agencies escorting motorists and passengers before he was shot dead."

"About five commercial vehicles and a patrol vehicle belonging to CJTF were set ablaze, even as scores are still missing in the bush as at Sunday afternoon."

"Presently, our member, representing Gwoza at the Borno State House of Assembly, Abdullahi Abatcha and other concerned personalities have left Maiduguri to Gwoza to sympathise with families of the victims," the source added.

Meanwhile, also confirming the incident, Senator Ndume (Borno South) said: "Yes, I was informed about the road ambush and other attacks by Boko Haram terrorists, but could not ascertain the number of casualties, especially the road ambush by terrorists on Saturday in Gwoza."

"I know that since the rainy season set in, several people particularly farmers in Gwoza have been killed by terrorists."

Although, the military have been doing their best in degrading or eliminating remnants of Boko Haram in the North East, but more need to be done considering the renewed killings in my constituency, such as Gwoza town.

"I want to also appeal to youths in Gwoza to wake up from their slumber and join the fight against Boko Haram like what youths in Biu, Hawul, Askira-Uba, Chibok and other local government areas are doing in complementing efforts by security agencies in the fight against terrorism, which have brought relative peace in those areas."

"I call on the local government authorities in Gwoza to support men of the Civilian JTF as well as the military to intensify efforts and address the renewed killings in Gwoza and its environs."

"It is regrettable to inform you that most of these killings in Gwoza are perpetrated by youths in Gwoza, who have joined Boko Haram and refused to surrender as witnessed in recent times. Therefore, I reiterate that youths in Gwoza should please stop demonstration or rioting whenever there was an attack, rather, they should join the forefront in the fight against Boko Haram like what is obtainable in many communities."

"My appeal to the military is to deploy more troops in Gwoza, so that they can finish the work they started, so that these intermittent attacks on our farmers will stop."