

Suspected Boko Haram terrorists kill 3 firewood scavengers in Borno

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MAIDUGURI —No fewer than three persons, who went to an outskirts of Kawuri village of Konduga local Government Area of Borno State to look for firewood were gunned down by suspected members of dreaded Boko Haram terrorists.

The incident, which took place on Saturday about noon have caused apprehension among the people of the community, who were hitherto Internally Displaced Persons, IDPs, before they voluntarily relocated to their ancestral home to pick up their pieces.

Kawuri is a stone-throw to Sambisa Forrest, which is the enclaves and hideouts of terrorists for over a decade.

Just two weeks ago, more than 10 houses were invaded by terrorists about 1a.m., when residents were asleep, where the terrorists carted away with their foodstuffs and livestock.

The latest killing happened the same day, when some terrorists ambushed security agencies, who were in the convoy of Governor Mai Buni of Yobe State.

The ambush, which took place on the Maiduguri-Jakana-Mainok expressway led to the killing of one Police Officer with several others injured, though the governor was not part of the convoy.

Confirming the latest Kawuri attack, an elder in the community, who did not want his name mentioned for security reason, told our correspondent that the insurgents ambushed the firewood scavengers few kilometres from Kawuri and opened fire on them, killing three on the spot, while others escaped.

Another resident, who gave his name as Ali Abba, said: "Kawuri, which is about 50kms drive from Maiduguri, the state capital, has been witnessing series of Boko Haram attacks in recent times.

"We have lost over 10 people who were slaughtered in their farmlands while harvesting their crops this season.

"Just on Saturday, some terrorists shot down three of our people who had gone out to look for firewood.

"We buried the victims on Sunday morning, and the three day prayers would be conducted on Monday, Insha Allah (God willing)."