

Boko Haram members kill 3, burn houses in Niger

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to have moved from house to house, ransacked them, made away with handy valuables, burnt down all the houses they came across including food stuff kept in the rooms.

Sources told our correspondent that the three persons were gunned down on their way back to the village from fetching food for their family members who were at the Internally Displaced Persons, IDPs camp in Erena in Shiroro local government area of the state.

One of the residents of the area confirmed the attack on the villages to our

correspondent.

He said: "The attack was sudden. Nobody envisaged it. The victims were shot on their way back to the village to go and get food for their families who had been in the IDP Camp for sometimes and short of foodstuff."

Efforts to get more facts and confirmation from the Public Relations Officer of the state Police Command, DSP Wasiu Abiodun proved abortive as his phone could not be reached.

However, former chairman of the local government area who also wanted anonymity confirmed the incident.

MINNA— Suspected members of the dreaded Boko Haram have again invaded Lantan village in Shiroro local government area of Niger State and killed three people with scores injured.

The group also burnt down houses including yam barns.

Our correspondent gathered that the villages greatly affected in yesterday's attack are Lantan, Makuba, Rumuchi, Allawa, Chukuba, Kusu.

After the killing, the armed men were said