

# Boko Haram kills 24 mourners, hunters in Adamawa, Borno

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**B**ODIES of 11 mourners were recovered while others sustained gunshot injuries when suspected members of dreaded Boko Haram terrorists invaded Kopl village, Chibok Local Government Area of Borno State.

Meanwhile, 10 hunters who were on rescue mission last Sunday were killed in an exchange of gun battle renewed attacks by Boko Haram terrorists, in Kopire village, Hong Local Government Area of Adamawa State.

This came as two soldiers lost their lives, yesterday, along the Maiduguri-Damboa road near Nyeliri deserted village of Konduga Local Government Area of Borno State, when they drove on an Improvised Explosive Devices planted by Boko Haram terrorists.

In the Kopl village incident, initially, Chairman of Chibok council, Modu Mustapha told Vanguard on Monday that seven people were confirmed dead, while search and rescue

ongoing. But in a telephone call, yesterday, he said 14 dead bodies were so far recovered, with a fear of more.

"I called you to inform you that the Kopl attack on mourners by Boko Haram terrorists is very devastating, because, as at this morning (yesterday), 14 dead bodies were recovered.

"The terrorists also set ablaze a Church and over 10 residential houses. The entire community is displaced without confrontation from security agencies."

The latest Chibok community incident in Kopl took place about 6p.m., on Monday, when armed terrorists descended on some mourners, who had gathered for a final day prayer of one of their loved one who died last week.

Many of the victims who sustained injuries in the attack were evacuated to Mubi General Hospital in nearby Adamawa state for treatment.

**Boko Haram kill 10 hunters in Borno**

Kopire shares border with

•Raze church, houses

•2 soldiers die in landmine explosion

Hawul LGA of Borno State, which is the epicentre of Boko Haram terrorists/ISWAP.

The incident which took place between communities of Hong in Adamawa State and Hawul council of Borno State, led to another member of the hunters who sustained serious injuries and is now responding to treatment.

Chairman of the Hunters Vigilantes Association of Nigeria, North Eastern chapter, Mallam Shawulu Yohanna has decried the renewed attacks, calling on the Federal Government to immediately provide sophisticated weapons to his team to enable them confront the terrorists.

He said: "I can confirm to you that 10 of my people/hunters lost their lives in an encounter with Boko Haram terrorists last Sunday. You know that there was an attack on some communities of Hong, in Adamawa. After the attack, I received a distress call that the attackers were regrouping to launch another deadly attack, so we mobilised 40 of our hunters drawn from Hawul and Biu LGA of Borno State, and Garkida town of Adamawa State to confront the terrorists. Unfortunately, during the encounter, which lasted for some hours, my men ran out of ammunition, and the terrorists succeeded in killing 10 of them.

"We have since recovered their dead bodies, and three of the deceased victims are from my council of Hawul, one from Biu

in Borno and others are indigene of Garkida in Adamawa State.

"It is unfortunate that all the efforts put in place by Governor Babagana Zulum are being sabotaged by the renewed attacks. The rate at which Boko Haram terrorists are regrouping and attacking communities is very alarming as they are much more armed than before.

"We have information that a red helicopter usually ferry these terrorists into an undisclosed locations without confrontation. But I can assure that if the federal government can wade in and provide us with sophisticated weapons, we will eliminate these terrorists in no distant time."

**2 soldiers die in landmine explosion**

Sources said, the deceased soldiers were among the landmine detectors escorting motorists and passengers before they met their untimely death in line of duty.

"The road which has been under partial use with security escort on daily basis has remained a death trap following renewed Boko Haram attacks in the region."

Confirming the landmine explosion, yesterday, the District Head of Damboa, Lawan Maina, said: "Two soldiers were killed," describing the renewed Boko Haram attacks as alarming without confrontation.

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