

Boko Haram Kills 56 in Nigeria's Borno State



Abuja, August 31 (RHC)-- Takfiri Boko Haram militants have killed 56 villagers in a remote area in Nigeria's northeastern state of Borno, a local official says. On Sunday, Kashim Shettima, the governor of the restive state, confirmed the raid in Baanu village, during a meeting with the parents of the 219 girls kidnapped last year by the Takfiri militants from a school in the town of Chibok in Borno.

"Just yesterday, they (Boko Haram militants) killed 56 people in Baanu village of Nganzai local government [in Borno]. As I am speaking to you their corpses are still littered on the streets of the village because virtually everyone in the village had to run for their lives," Shettima said. Meanwhile, residents fleeing Baanu village said they came under the Takfiri terrorists' attack on Friday night.

On April 14, 2014, the militants kidnapped 276 girls from a secondary school in Chibok. Fifty-seven of the girls managed to escape but 219 remained in captivity, reportedly in the Sambisa Forest in Borno, which is Boko Haram's main hide-out near the Cameroonian border.

The violence has spilled over into Nigeria's neighboring countries. Soldiers from Nigeria, Chad, Cameroon and Niger have been battling the terrorists in recent months.



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