

Akinola Salau, President Goodluck Jonathan and INEC Chairman the inauguration of Prof. Salau in Abuja yesterday.

B/Haram kills 25, abducts others in Yobe

From Hamisu Kabir Matazu, Damaturu

Suspected Boko Haram insurgents yesterday launched reprisal attacks on residents in Katarko village of Gujba Local Government Area of Yobe State killing over 25 people, abducted women, children and burnt several buildings.

Katarko village is located about 21 kilometres south of Damaturu, the state capital.

Daily Trust gathered that the insurgents stormed the village on reprisal after being attacked by a team of hunters that killed their men and recovered two Hilux vans, arms and ammunitions.

A prominent politician in the village, Alhaji Goni Katarko told *Daily Trust* that over 25 people were killed and that women and children were kidnapped by the

insurgents who began their raid around 4:00 pm.

"My wife and six children are among several women and female adults abducted by the insurgents," he said.

"They mercilessly butchered our people and killed many with guns. The military men around tried to repel them but they were over-powered by the militants," he said.

He said that hunters attacked Boko Haram strong hold in Gujba town where they ambushed their leader (amir) and killed some of the militants fuelling the reprisal by the group.

Ya Fati, a resident who escaped to Damaturu, said the insurgents tied the victims before killing them.

"Two of my nephews were slaughtered in my presence. I cannot tell how I escaped their onslaught," she said.