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Gunmen Kill 5 In Attacks Near Chibok Village

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Gunmen suspected to be members of the Boko Haram group had on Monday night reportedly killed five villagers in separate attacks on rural communities near Chibok town where over 200 Chibok schoolgirls were kidnapped about two months ago, eyewitnesses said.

The insurgents were also said to have carted away foodstuffs and livestock forcefully seized from hapless farmers in farming hamlets in Tohya and Wurojene.

According to witnesses, the insurgents invaded the communities at about 7pm on Monday evening.

One of the villagers, Mallam Ayuba, who spoke to journalists from Chibok town, said, "The attackers came and began to fire at the people; many of them had to flee into the bush. There was serious confusion everywhere; the attackers set fire on our houses.

"The attack went on for about two hours; after burning everywhere, they carted away our foodstuffs, like bags of grains and stole our chicken and goats. Most of our people slept in the bush throughout the night until when the insurgents left after about four hours of attack.

"There wasn't any form of resistance from the military troops around the area; five people were killed and many others got bullet injuries."

The villages, Tohya and Wurojene are located about 14 kilometres away from Chibok town and are predominantly an agrarian communities.

Efforts by our correspondent to confirm the development from the police and the military proved abortive as none of their spokesmen could be reach for comment as at press time.

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