

# I Lost 8 In-laws In Kwala Attack – Survivor

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One of the survivors of Sunday attacks by the suspected members of Boko Haram sect on three churches in four villages near Chibok in Borno State, Abbas Gava, has said that he lost eight of his in-laws during the attack.

Gava, who is also a member of the state Vigilante group of Nigeria, stated this during an interview with LEADERSHIP yesterday.

The suspected insurgents had opened fire on worshippers inside churches on Sunday while the death toll arising from the incident had risen to 105.

Various churches in Kwada and Kautikari villages of Chibok local government area were attacked at the time the residents who are predominantly Christians were observing their Sunday services.

Gava said: "It was a sad development for us in Kwada. My wife comes from Kwada and we have received the sad information that eight members of her family were killed during the attack on churches and homes by members of the Boko Haram".

He described the human carnage as the worst ever recorded in a single attack.

"I have just been informed from Kautikari and Kwada that the total number of corpses recovered in the churches and in the bushes is 105", he added.

Another survivor, Yohana Chibok, a resident of Kautikari who claimed to have witnessed the incident said the attackers who arrived in a convoy of trucks and motorcycles took their time to carry out the

attack and left before the Nigerian Air Force jet came hovering.

He said: "It was the worst of all attacks that we have ever witnessed since Chibok came under attack. The gunmen came at the time people were in the church observing the Sunday services. They ordered all women and children to come out and warned that all men should remain inside. Then they began to fire into the churches and everyone began to scramble, but it was too late for many people.

"About 35 people died inside the church, while many others who managed to escape sustained serious injuries. Besides that, many others also got killed outside the church, especially those fleeing from their houses - about 51 people



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were also reported dead, some say it was more than that, but that was what I can confirm".

Yohana lamented further that "the gunmen took their time to carry out the attack in Kwada and then proceeded to Kautikari, where they had also carried out attacks on churches. He said they were all not pleased with the belated intervention of the Nigerian military.

He further said, "No one came to our rescue during these hours of attack, that started from 8am and lasted till about 11am. The military jets that later came, arrived very late because the attackers were long gone.

"We are all in confusion now, because of the kind of attacks Chibok has been suffering of late; we don't know if the world is coming to an end here in Chibok. Now hundreds of children have been made orphans and several women, both young and old have become widows over night; we are looking unto God for his mercies here".

## Borno LG chairman escapes death, as Boko Haram bombs police station

Gunmen going after the caretaker chairman of Shani local government council of Borno state, Alhaji Modu Walama, had Monday bombed the divisional police headquarters in Shani town and set ablaze many other homes and residential buildings, witnesses and official said.

Though no human casualty was recorded during the incident, the attackers were said to have first invaded the home of the chairman, who was lucky not to be around before going into the town to wreak havoc.

Alhaji Walama's son was killed about a month ago when Boko Haram gunmen, who went looking for him in his village,