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Eighteen persons were feared dead after suspected Boko Haram militants attacked a community along the Alau Dam -Alau Ngawo Fate in Jere Local Government Area of Borno on Sunday night.

Malam Ibrahim Modu, a village head in the area, told newsmen on telephone that the attackers invaded the community at about 10pm on Sunday before carrying out their evil act.

"They invaded the village at about 10pm and set many houses and shops ablaze within a short time.

"They actually used some explosives and local petrol bombs to set the houses on fire," Modu said.

He said the invaders divided themselves into groups with some attacking residents while others set fire on the houses.

"We lost 18 people at the end of the attack. We also lost about 100 houses, shops and grain stores to the attack," Modu added.

Col. Mohammad Dole, the spokesman for the 7 Division of Nigerian Army, confirmed the attack.

"It is true the insurgents were sighted in that general area by the locals, but we do not have details of what they did yet.

"Our troops have gone there to confirm what happened," he said.

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