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Members of Boko Haram sect

Head of Chibok Elders Forum, Pogo Bitrus, has told the *Associated Press of France*, that at least 30 people lost their lives during attacks by fleeing Boko Haram insurgents on two villages – Thlaimakalama and Gatamarwa, on Thursday night.

The communities which are near Chibok, a sleepy town in troubled Borno State where around 276 secondary school girls were seized last year, were torched by the terrorists who also destroyed valuable property.

"From information coming from residents of the two villages, at least 30 people were killed in the attacks," Bitrus said.

A resident of Chibok, Luka Haruna, confirmed Bitrus' claim, saying: "The two villages were completely destroyed."

According to the AFP which quoted eyewitnesses, the latest attacks happened about 11:00am as the insurgents fled, a nearby town, Askira Uba, following intense military offensive in the area in recent days.

Bitrus said: "The insurgents mowed everything in sight as they fled Askira Uba and these two villages which they passed through became targets. They opened fire on residents and set houses on fire as they drove in a huge convoy."

The Boko Haram terror group, which has resisted peaceful resolution of its grievances, began its attack on the country about five years ago.

The sect has yet to release the over 200 schoolgirls it kidnapped over nine months ago in Chibok despite appeal by the Federal Government and members of the international community.

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