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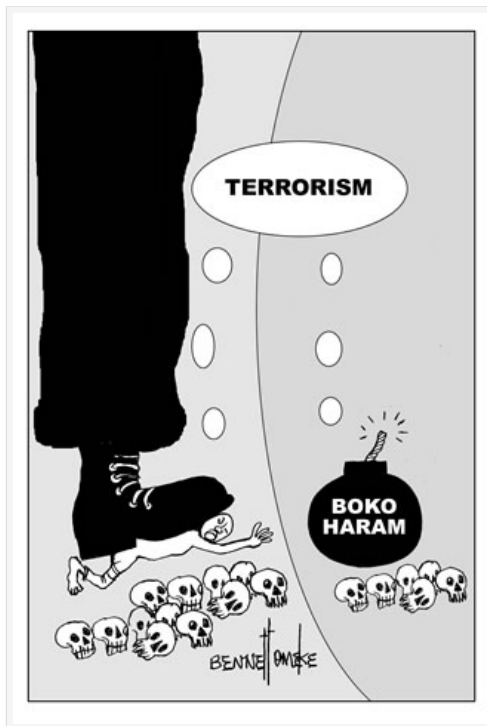
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The fighters of Boko Haram sect have killed 37 people in separate attacks on six villages in Borno State, a youth vigilante told journalists in Maiduguri on Thursday.

He revealed that the notorious group drove in a convoy of Sport Utility Vehicles to Koshifa, Matangle, Buraltuma, Darmanti, Almeri and Burmari villages – all in Damboa Local Government Area of Borno State, on Wednesday night.

He said the insurgents opened fire indiscriminately on the villagers and burnt down houses.

A top member of the youth vigilante group in Biu, a neighbouring local government to Damboa, who also spoke on the condition of anonymity, said some of the villagers who fled from the villages under attack, narrated their horrible experiences to vigilante in Biu.

He said those that escaped were mostly women, who said the insurgents killed their husbands and burnt down their houses.

The women were afraid that the insurgents might

come back to finish off the villages and they had to flee.

He said, "At least, 37 persons were killed in coordinated attacks on the six villages and they were mostly men and youths and their homes razed down completely.

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"The women said many people were still missing but they believed that they will still come to Damboa or Biu town so that they can reunite with their families. I must say Boko Haram has almost wiped out everybody. "

A police officer, who did not want to be quoted, confirmed the attacks but could not state the exact figures of the victims.

He told our correspondent in Maiduguri on Thursday that, "We are aware of yesterday's (Wednesday's) raids on the villages in Damboa Local Government, many of them were killed and some weapons were recovered by the troops."

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