

# Boko Haram kills 4, burns 25 houses near Chibok

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**FOUR** people have been killed and scores injured in an attack on a remote community near Chibok, Borno State, by Boko Haram. The insurgents attacked Bolakla, a village about four kilometres to Chibok, in the southern part of Borno, at about 10pm, Tuesday night.

"Our people were still in the mood of Christmas celebrations when the insurgents came firing into the village. People started fleeing in different directions. Most people slept in the bush. We lost four people in the attack," a resident of Chibok told *Daily Sun*.

The attack was the third Boko Haram raid on communities in the southern part of Borno in the last few days. The insurgents ambushed military troops near

Sabon Gari in Damboa Local Government last Thursday and raided Makalama village in Chibok Local Government on Sunday night, killing one person and injuring about seven. Security sources have blamed the Abu Shekau group for recent attacks in the area.

Similarly, suspected Boko Haram insurgents attacked and burned down another village in Chibok LGA yesterday morning, local vigilance group sources have said. The attack took place at Mbolakel village, near Chibok town, around 1am.

The insurgents were shooting at random and wounded an undisclosed number of villagers. They also burnt down livestock and carted away foodstuff.

Sources told *Daily Sun* on phone that no fewer than 25 houses were set on fire when the terrorists stormed the village. He said the villagers ran into the bush to

take cover, adding that an aged woman was burnt in her home.

"We received an emergency call from our vigilance group members at Mbolakel village for assistance at about 1am this morning (yesterday). We could not go there because of the shooting we heard from Chibok; some could not sleep throughout the night.

"They burnt down about 25 houses and livestock and also carted away food items. We were able to rescue an old woman set on fire along with her house. So, there was no casualty because everyone fled into bushes immediately they heard gunshots," the vigilante source said.

Mbolakel village is about seven kilometers from Chibok town, where more than 250 schoolgirls were abducted by terrorists in 2014.

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