

This was contained in a statement issued last night by the Special Adviser to President Muhammadu Buhari on Media and Publicity, Mr.

are routine adjustments which are not unexpected in any dynamic environment from time to time," Adesina said.

Death Toll in Borno Terrorist Attacks Rises to 42

Two attacks by insurgents on villages in the North-eastern state of Borno have left at least 42 people dead, witnesses said.

On Tuesday, 20 people were murdered in an assault on Debiro Bui, Musa Shehu, a resident said by phone.

Suspected Boko Haram gunmen on Monday riding motorcycles and cars killed 22 people in Debiro Hawul, Ezekiel Mamza, who escaped the attack, said by phone.

"The attack was in the early morning while we were

asleep so every body was in disarray trying to escape," Shehu said. The militants also torched some homes and took away food and medicine, he told *Bloomberg*.

Boko Haram has stepped up attacks in the North-east in the face of a regional military offensive this year backed by forces from Cameroun, Niger and Chad, which has seized territory from the terrorists. Nigerian President, Muhammadu Buhari, came to office last month vowing to crush the six-year terrorism.