

# CAN affirms genocide claim as B'Haram kills eight

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**T**HE Christian Association of Nigeria, on Tuesday, reiterated that Christians in Nigeria are victims of genocide, citing years of persecution, insecurity, and attacks on communities across the country.

The statement comes as

suspected Boko Haram insurgents killed eight people, including four civilians and four local security personnel, in Bama Local Government Area, Borno State.

Speaking on Tuesday at the Fourth Quarterly National Executive Council Meeting of the Association in Jos, Plateau State, CAN President, Archbishop Daniel Okoh,

decried what he called years of "persecution, displacement, devastation" of Christians.

He said, "Our presence in Jos today is not accidental. It is intentional, purposeful, and deeply symbolic. We are here as ambassadors of solidarity, compassion, and moral support. We are here to identify with our brothers and sisters across Plateau State and northern Nigeria who have endured years of unspeakable tragedy—persecution, displacement, devastation, and unrelenting insecurity."

He described the attacks on Christians as a harsh reality, emphasising that lives have been "brutally cut short," communities uprooted, families torn apart, and churches destroyed.

"CAN has spoken clearly and courageously on this matter, and we stand unwaveringly by our position that there is Christian genocide in Nigeria," Okoh said.

## 'Africa, Angola for G20, AU summits

Bayo Onanuga, revealed in a statement Tuesday evening.

The G20 meeting holds at the Johannesburg Expo Centre from Saturday, November 22, to Sunday, November 23, followed by the AU-EU summit in Luanda from November 24-25.

Invited by South Africa's President, Cyril Ramaphosa, Chairperson for this year's G20, Tinubu will join leaders under the theme, "Solidarity, Equality, Sustainability," the first G20 hosted on

African soil.

The summit will consider inclusive and sustainable growth, debt and development finance, disaster-risk reduction, climate action and just energy transitions, food systems, critical minerals, decent work and artificial intelligence.

The Presidency said the Nigerian leader will also hold bilateral meetings on the margins of the G20 "in furtherance of the Renewed Hope Agenda," and to discuss regional peace, security and development.