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**G**UNMEN believed to be members of the Boko Haram sect, yesterday killed 17 people and wounded many when they attacked a lecture theatre of the Bayero University Kano, used by the Catholic Church.

*Daily Champion* gathered that the victims include two professors of Physics and Library departments, Jerome Ayodele and Andrew.

The attack happened around 8.30am in the morning as the church was conducting its service. However, spokesman for the university,

Mustapha Zahradeen told our correspondent that only seven persons were killed in the attack.

Zahradeen said the gunmen who stormed the place took everybody unawares such incidence has never occurred in the university before.

He said many students and other worshipers who were injured were taken to Mallam Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital for medical treatment.

Spokesperson of the Joint Military Task Force (JTF) LT. Ikediha Iweha confirmed the attack and said the gunmen lured out the worshippers with

explosives before they started shooting indiscriminately into them.

He said before his men arrived at the scene the gunmen fled the area with their motorcycles.

However, NEMA said in text message to our correspondent that an hour ago their attention was drawn to explosions and gun shots at old site BUK Campus in Kano, but since they have no office in the state they have mobilized response agencies and volunteers to the scene.

An eyewitness and an official of one of the response agencies who

pleaded anonymity told our correspondent that those killed are 17.

He said they arrived at the place few hours after the incidence together with the Red Cross and other vital quick respond agencies but the security refused to allow them go close to the area and even at the Mallam Aminu Kano were the remains of the people were taken and the injured ones still the security refused access to them.

Already all routs leading to the university have been completely taken over by soldiers and the police.

Meanwhile, the coordinator, Patriotic Alliance of Nigeria (PAN), Chief Maxi Okwu, has advised the Federal Government not to negotiate

with the Boko Haram sect but deal decisively with the group.

Okwu, whose organisation comprised members of opposition political parties, made the call yesterday in a telephone interview with the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) while reacting to Sunday's bomb attack in Kano.

"Globally, nations no longer negotiate with terrorists. The hammer must fall heavily on the sect and especially their political sponsors whose sole aim is to destabilise the nation."

"These bomb attacks have gone out of hand and the sect has continued to thrive because of their sponsors," Okwu said.

Mr. Tony Uranta, the Executive Secretary of the

United Niger Delta Energy Development Security Strategy (UNDEDSS), said that the Federal Government should abandon any planned negotiations with the Boko Haram sect.

"We demand that the Federal Government must cease every move toward holding talks with these monsters unless and until they abandon this callously inhumane modus operandi that has claimed thousands of innocent lives."

"There is no justification for the existence of the Boko Haram sect. Enough is enough as Nigeria belongs to all," he said.

President of Arewa Youth Consultative Forum, Alhaji Yerimma Shetima, said, "the perpetrators and their sponsors must be traced and brought to book"

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