

Cleric cautions Jonathan on anti terrorism law

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A Yola based Islamic scholar and deputy national chairman of the Izalatul Bidi'a Wa'ikamatus Sunna (JIBWIS) Sheikh Abdullahi Bala Lau, yesterday cautioned President Goodluck Jonathan on the anti-terrorism law, saying that the law intends to control religion and prevent religious leaders from preaching the truth.

Addressing newsmen in Yola, Bala Lau, who is also the chief imam of the

Woman arraigned for setting ablaze nursing mother, three children

A 32-year-old woman, Ijeoma Ogbonna, was yesterday arraigned at an Abakaliki Magistrates' Court for setting ablaze a nursing mother and her three children.

The accused is from Echara Unuhu Nkaliki community in Abakaliki Local Government Area of Ebonyi State. She was charged with

killing Mrs Chinyere Ogbonna, her co-wife, whom she allegedly set ablaze on Sunday while she was asleep with her three children. Ijeoma was also charged with the killing of Ogbonna, Ogobuchi Ogbonna and Nkwagu Ogbonna, the children of Chinyere.

The offence is punishable under the laws of Ebonyi State of Nigeria

2009.

When the matter came up, Magistrate Job Orude said the court had no jurisdiction to hear the matter. He, however, ordered that the accused be remanded at the Federal Prisons, Abakaliki, while the case file and all inventory be transferred to the Attorney-General of the state

and Director of Public Prosecution for advice.

Meanwhile, the compound where the incident took place has been deserted, while mobile policemen with armoured personnel carriers have been stationed in the community to prevent any breakdown of law and order. (NAN)