

Militia killing travellers on Jalingo road – Muslim council

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The Adamawa State chapter of the Muslim Council yesterday raised the alarm that killings were going on at villages dominated by Baali ethnic group.

The council said armed militia were freely attacking innocent travellers along the Numan-Jalingo Road.

The chairman of the council, Abubakar Sahabo Magaji, alleged that the police had failed to arrest anybody over the issue.

He recalled that on October 15, four travelers on a truck from Gombe were beheaded, with four others hospitalized and five still missing.

He said on October 2, a 42-year-old

man from Kano State was beheaded along with nine children.

"The Muslim Council of Adamawa State wishes to draw the attention of the general public and the authorities concerned, that it seems another Dura Du of Plateau State is also being created along the Numan-Jalingo road where innocent Muslim travelers are waylaid and killed by armed Baali militia group.

"This is a federal road, which is supposedly under rehabilitation. Unfortunately, these armed Baali militia groups have taken over the place, attacking and killing innocent Muslim travelers at will despite numerous police and military check points.

"Up to this moment, no single

person is arrested and prosecuted in connection with all these heinous crimes. These flagrant atrocities and lack of respect to humanity is totally unwarranted and condemnable as it only escalates mistrust and disunity among citizens and destabilizes peaceful coexistence in the state," Magaji said.

He called for arrest of perpetrators who, he said, were operating as vigilantes to terrorise innocent people on the highway.

The police spokesman in the state, SP Othman Abubakar, had earlier confirmed the killing of five travellers on October 15 at Pasham village by local militia, despite plea from the district head.