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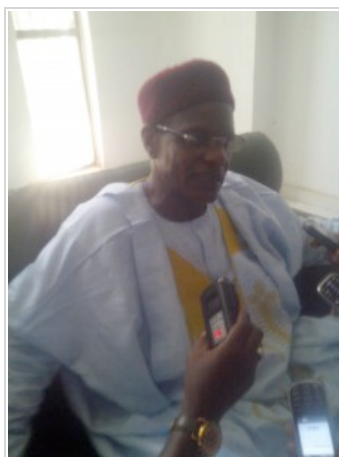
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Senator Maina Ma'aji Lawan

The Senator representing Northern Borno, Senator Maina Ma'aji Lawan has said that what he saw when he visited his constituency was far more than what was reported in the national dailies.

Lawan said his people were living in humanitarian crises, adding that, his statement was not political but the reality on ground.

"If you go to Baga and saw what was on ground, you would agree with me that the number doubled what was actually reported. I drove about five kilometers and saw nothing but continuous carnage. Our villages were destroyed and the number of casualties was what we read in the papers. I am appealing to all to always follow the rules of engagements," he said

The senator said wiping out a whole community is a lazy way of fighting

insurgency, but that, government should embrace a more human approach of dialogue and amnesty.

The senator said, although he did not want to join issues with the Military, but that while in Baga he had visited three grave yards where he counted 130, 60 and 30 respectively.

He said from what he gathered, 228 people were actually killed in the carnage. "I spoken with the family members of the victims and they told me what their eyes saw and I did see the destruction myself." He said.

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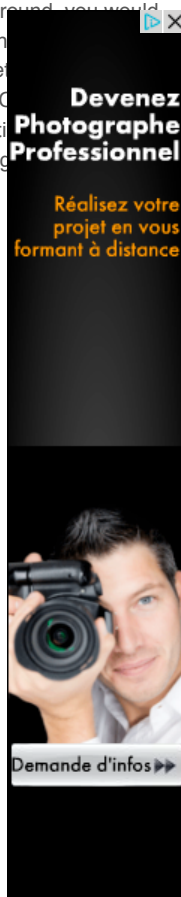
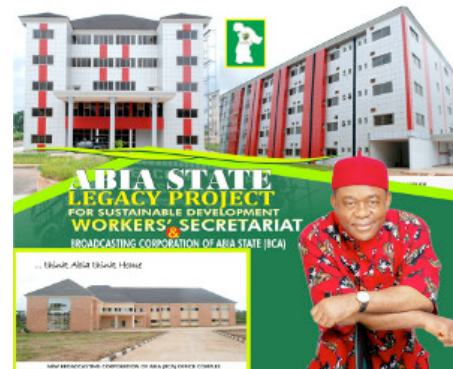
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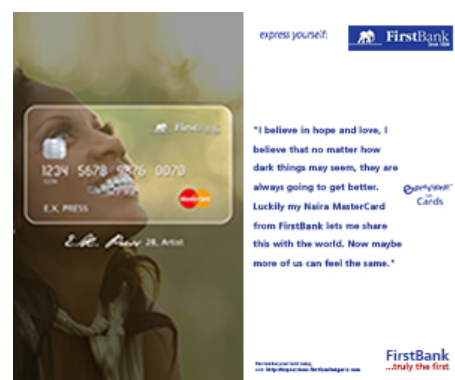
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