

# Zaki-Biam attack death toll rises to 50

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## President orders arrest of perpetrators

President Muhammadu Buhari has condemned last Monday's "wicked attack" on a market in Zaki-Biam, Benue State, by unknown gunmen resulting in loss of several lives in the area.

Buhari, who commiserated with the government and people of the state over the incident, yesterday directed security agencies to immediately begin investigation with a view to bringing the perpetrators of the dastardly act to book.

While sympathising with those who lost loved ones, the President also prayed that Almighty God should comfort the grieving families and grant the souls of the victims eternal rest.

In a statement signed by his Special Adviser on Media and Publicity, Femi Adesina yesterday, Buhari also condemned the wanton killings in other parts of the country and challenged security and law enforcement agencies to rise to the occasion and put an end to the development he described as a blight on the image of the country.

"We must condemn inhuman and unnecessary shedding of human blood all over the country. We seem to have lost value for human life, which is sacred. "Man is the glory of God's creation and nobody has the right to unjustly and unlawfully take another person's life in a reckless manner," President Buhari said.