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One girl was injured in this latest bloodbath on the Plateau, a state held hostage to violence for five years running, and producing in its wake hundreds of deaths - as well as mere talking by politicians who refuse to take steps to end the carnage.

The gunmen did not take anything from the Davou family home in Dabwa.

Three females - Esther, Salomi, and Martha - were killed, along with two males, John and Yakubu.

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Akano warned motorcycle taxi operators to be careful, because the people they know and who know them are the ones killing them and snatching their motorcycles.

He added: "My stand is that those snatching their motorcycles are not from the opposite side, they are people who can speak the same language."

"As a motorcycle taxi operator, if you are not from my ethnic group, I will not trust you and if you ask me to take you somewhere I may not go. But if we speak the same tongue I will easily be convinced and follow you. That is how it all happens."

In its reaction, the Yoruba Christians Fellowship (YCF) in Plateau decried the incessant religious crises in the state and asked the security agencies to restore peace.

YCF Chairman Akindele Ogunlowo noted in Jos on Monday that there are people within and outside the state who are sponsoring the upheaval and benefiting from it.

He said Yoruba Christians have been facing heavy persecution, whereas "no one can claim that Yoruba Christians are involved in the struggle for political offices in Plateau State."

"And if the crises have been motivated by ethnicity and the struggle for dominance, Yoruba Christians have never sought to dominate anyone or any group and will never do that, but only seek to live in peace with all people wherever we found ourselves."

Ogunlowo lamented the constant killing of Yoruba Christians and the burning of their churches and businesses.

He called for a total overhaul of the security forces because they have failed to carry out their duties.

He demanded the prosecution of those who visit violence on fellow citizens, saying: "Only then will these crises stop. Enough is enough. We might not be people of assault but we are masters in defence when pushed to the wall."

"May Jesus Christ the Prince of Peace reign supreme in Plateau State and Nigeria in general."

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(NNPC) awarded to former militants.

About 6,000 slots were given to the state to be shared among former militants and youth groups.

But some in Ekpan accused one Henry Baro of appropriating for himself and his cronies the 200 slots allocated the community.

Baro was elected by the Urhobo Youth Council (UYC) recently to pilot the affairs of the group, especially as it concerns the sharing of the 200 pipeline security jobs given to Urhobo communities.

However, the factional group in Ekpan has insisted that the jobs should be shared among the youth.

Baro is said to have gone into hiding to avoid being killed.

He recently told reporters to disregard statements made by any other Urhobo youth group on pipeline security, alleging that the leaders are mischievous, sowing seeds of discord, and spreading rumours to cause mayhem.

His words: "Before now, there have been a lot of misgiving and rumours in Urhobo land that they were being short-changed and we are trying to correct that impression.

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"The pipeline security job was actually given to an indigenous contractor and they deemed it fit to employ from our ethnic group, but today some people are turning the story around and we are here to correct that impression."

Baro said no slot was allocated to any ethnic group or council, and that the contract was awarded to Oil and Gas Surveillance Security Limited, owned by indigenes of Delta.

"Some of us are close to the Directors of this company. We were privileged that the company, in the course of recruiting people, extended 200 slots to us in the first instance.

"They were not designated Urhobo slots. The company decided to carry us along because the job is more in the riverine area. We are still talking to them that we have a large population of unemployed youths and we need more slots."

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