

Minister of Aviation, Stella Oduah (left), Acting Regional General Manager, MAKIA, Talatu F. Ibrahim, (middle), Airport Manager, Katsina Airport, Bello M. Sabo, during a one-day Aviation Master Plan, Workers Buy-In programme, organised by Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria in Lagos ... on Monday.

out el-Rufai for invasion and arrest. It is not balanced," Sagay said.

# Gunmen kill 61 in Borno, Adamawa

NOW fewer than 61 people were feared killed in Adamawa and Borno states during separate gunmen attacks, local sources said on Monday.

A local security source in Adamawa State told an online news agency that nine people were shot dead when the gunmen attacked a village church in Madagali Local Government area on Sunday.

Military authorities were yet to issue official statement on the incident, but a

competent source said they (military) would address the media later on Monday.

More than 15 victims were also injured in the shooting incident, said Ezekiel Shehu, a church member who survived the attack.

Chairman of the Madagali Local Government, Maina Ularamu, also confirmed the incident to a reporter, but declined to give casualty figure.

The area of the incident is a border town to Gwoza Local Government area of

Borno State, where series of terrorist attacks had taken place despite a subsisting state of emergency declared by President Goodluck Jonathan about a year ago.

In a separate attack on Sunday, at least 52 people, including a soldier, were killed when scores of gunmen attacked Kawuri District, the biggest town in Konduga Local Government area of Borno State, setting ablaze hundreds of houses.

Issa Abdullahi, a survivor

of the incident, said many residents who sustained injuries during the attack were taken to Konduga General Hospital and the University of Maiduguri Teaching Hospital, for treatment.

With AK 47 rifles and improvised explosive devices (IEDs), the gunmen unleashed terror on residents before fleeing into Sambisa Games Forest, he said.

"More than 48 bodies littered the area," Abdullahi told reporters in Maiduguri, the state capital, some 60

kilometres away from the place of the incident.

No group has claimed responsibility for the attacks, although the areas are strongholds of Boko Haram insurgents.

Last week, newly appointed Chief of Defence Staff, Alex Badeh, vowed to end the insurgency of Boko Haram by April.

More than 1,500 people, including women and children, had been killed in the five-year insurgency of the sect.