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After Shekau's 25-minute speech, the video shows militant fighters on pick-up trucks firing rocket-propelled grenades and other heavily armed insurgents firing weapons as they walk calmly along the road.

The footage appears to show them taking over a military base, stealing weapons and hundreds of rounds of ammunition as well as fuel cans.

In one frame, a fighter stands on top of a tank, waving the Islamists' black flag.

The AFP reports that the end of the video depicted scenes of grisly executions, similar to those released by IS in recent weeks.

In one scene, about 20 men in civilian clothing were shown with their hands tied behind their backs and lying by the roadside before they were shot at close range.

A second showed two men, whom Shekau said disguised themselves as women to escape the town, beaten to death with shovels.

Two others similarly dressed were shot beside

crime.

"Appropriate military operations to secure that area from the activities of the bandits are still ongoing."

Chief of Army Staff, Kenneth Minimah, a Lt.-Gen., also spoke on the sect's activities in the country, assuring that the army will soon launch a massive military offensive to end insurgency in the North East.

Minimah spoke on Sunday to troops of 2 Brigade, Port Harcourt, during a two-day visit to army formations and units in Rivers State.

According to him, military hardware will soon arrive the country in furtherance of the Federal Government resolve to end Boko Haram activities.

"The equipment ordered by the Federal Government will soon be coming into the nation's shores in a few weeks time.

"As soon as the equipment come in, we will launch a major offensive toward ending this madness of insurgency in the North East of the country," he assured.

Also, commenting on the activities of Boko Haram,

addiction of youths to computerised facilities such as phones and other accessories in place of their books.

Mrs. Rebecca Gomna, a business woman, argued that the result of WASSCE may be signs of students' dislike for education in place of handiwork, saying students should be given the option of either choosing education or learn handicrafts.

"Many of the students like me during my time I find it difficult to solve some mathematical equations. I managed to complete my Senior Secondary Certificate (SSCE) and as you can see, I ended up as a businesswoman after I got married," she noted.

Also, Proprietor of Restoration Christian Academy in Abuja, Nkem Okimiri, advised government to set up an investigative panel to get to the roots of the mass examination failure.

She gave the advise in an interview with *Daily Independent* in Abuja on Sunday.

Okimiri also called on government to investigate the alleged leakage of question papers prior to the ex-

Someone is not doing what he is supposed to do," Onyema said.

Mrs Paulina Umoren, a primary school teacher in the Itu Local Government area of Akwa Ibom State, attributed the decline in the performance of students in the examinations to distractions from television viewing and the social media.

Umoren said the general attitude of school age children even from primary school level has demonstrated a sharp switch from learning to interest in what the entertainment industries have to offer and the quest to make and interact with new friends on the internet.

She, therefore, advised parents to check this negative trend not only through regulation of TV viewing periods, but also ensuring that students are only allowed to use cell phones for purposes of communications while internet usages are restricted to holiday periods.

Stakeholders in the education sector in Delta State on their part called for a robust synergy between parents and teachers in the

children by constantly reminding them to read their books at home to enable them excel in their academic endeavours.

Executive Assistant to Delta State Governor on Education Matters, Stella Blaize, also said: "We need to focus on our teachers nationwide on their Continuous Professional Development (CPD) programme which our Governor, Dr. Emmanuel Uduaghan, is already doing here in Delta State".

According to her, there is need to focus on teachers and heads of schools, pointing out that positive changes and improvement would come into the educational system nationwide when there is effective monitoring to ensure that teachers are going to school to do their work diligently.

A former Chairman of the Nigeria Union of Teachers (NUT), Delta State wing, Jonathan Ojobu, claimed that students, parents and teachers should be blamed for the poor outing of students in the 2014 May/June WAEC, adding that students should read their books well to enable them

the Federal Government to urgently find a solution to the trend of mass failure of students, by initiating a thorough inquest into the cause of the problem.

He stated that the first approach to the problem is for government to find out how the teachers are imparting knowledge to the students and also whether the students are willing to learn.

The ex-minister added that there was need for government to equally look into the academic material with which the students are taught.

He stressed that government should also look into the morale of the teachers.

"I think the first challenge is for the government to consciously find out the cause of this mass failure. If you look at the rate of poor performance of these students in the last three or four years, you will discover that there is a serious drop in the rate of performance of the WAEC students.

"Is it that the students are not willing to learn or that the teachers are not teaching them well?" Madubuike asked rhetorically.

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