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the troubled states.

Nyako spoke yesterday through the secretary to Adamawa State government, Mr Ari Kobis Thimnu, at the commissioning of newly reconstructed structures of security agencies and property destroyed by Boko Haram insurgents early this year.

The governor said his administration will sustain the peaceful co-existence the state was known for, hence the need for synergy with all security agencies in the state.

Nyako maintained that high rate of insurgency required a synergy with security agencies for the purpose of sustaining peace the state was known for and will not relent till this desire is met.

The reconstructed structures included the Prisons Yard, Maiha Local Education Authority Secretariat, the Maiha District Head Office, Area Court, Customs Barrack, and Viewing Centre that were destroyed by Boko Haram early this year.

He said the rehabilitation of the structures has underscored the importance of the security to the socio-economic development of the society, which the state government was poised to sustain.

The governor, however, lamented the destruction allegedly perpetrated by Boko Haram insurgents, disclosing that the various rehabilitations were undertaken by the 21 local government areas in the state through the Ministry for Local Government Affairs.

On the occasion, the comptroller-general of customs, Inde Mohammed Dikko, who spoke on behalf of the inspector-general of police, controllers of prisons, immigration, and other paramilitary institutions, thanked the Adamawa State government and the Ministry for Local Government in the state for their generosity.

Dikko, who was represented by the Adamawa State comptroller of customs, Mr Julius Olawamo, said the rehabilitation and renovation of the structures would, in no small measure, facilitate the security networking of the security agencies as represented in the Maiha LGA of the state.

He said the gestures would also serve as a morale booster to the security agencies in the state toward the protection of lives and properties of Adamawa citizens and fight the insurgency that has, in recent times, bedevilled the state and the entire north-east of the country.

Gunmen kill pastor, son, 1 other in Nangere

Gunmen suspected to be Boko Haram members on Thursday around 1am attacked

Garin Bawa in Nangere local government area of Yobe State, killing a pastor, Yohana Agwam, 55, his son Dauda Yohana, 35, and one Mohammed Shugaba, 25, while setting ablaze the pastor's church, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 4 houses neighbouring the pastor and his motorcycle ablaze.

Eyewitnesses said the gunmen, who came on three motorcycles, were nine. But while confirming the incident to LEADERSHIP Friday, the state police commissioner, Ahmed Rufa'i, said the gunmen numbered 50. According to him, "as soon as the report was made, we deployed our men comprising the Joint Task Force (JTF) from Potiskum local government division to the scene. When the Boko Haram members sighted our men they started shooting and we responded immediately."

He said after the gun duel which lasted for over 40 minutes, the suspected Boko Haram members took to their heels and escaped towards Dawasa village, about four kilometres away and five kilometers to Potiskum where a policeman was shot dead on Wednesday night.

He said the police had commenced investigation into the attack and has cordoned off the area in search of the members that escaped with bullet wounds.

Absence of banks crippling businesses in Potiskum

Absence of banking activities in Potiskum town, Yobe State, has been crippling businesses and social activities in the area.

An investigation carried out by LEADERSHIP Friday in the town showed that lack of banking business in Potiskum, reputed to be one of the largest cattle and grains market in West Africa, was making transactions difficult for people.

In one of the insurgents' attacks, banks were targeted and, since then, banks that had branches in Potiskum had wound up their operations.

As a result, businessmen from the southern part of the country can no longer send money to their partners who used to buy and send to them.

Civil servants in Yobe have been forced to travel monthly to neighbouring states to collect their salaries.

The chairman of Potiskum local government, Alhaji Audu Hussaini Yunusa, has appealed to banks to resume their operations and called on all the people that fled the town to return as normalcy had returned and business activities had picked up in the town.