

Azazi condemns killings of 10 Nigerians in Bakassi

From Dele Anofi, Abuja
should not be linked to
Nigerian soliders.

Condemning the killing of 10 Nigerians in the area on Wednesday night, he said: "Is camouflage the Nigerian Army uniform?"

"We are all Nigerians and we witness where some of these criminals wear military uniforms and sometimes, procure these camouflage from outside the country and wear.

"I say it categorically that Nigeria has no reason to deploy any soldier to Bakassi, so, I do not know how any soldier could then have been killed if it is true," he added.

"What is the provocation? What is the reason for the attack?" he queried further.

Azazi challenged the media on the need to sensitise Nigerians and neighbouring countries that Nigerians did not have

problems with Cameroon.

He said efforts were in place to ensure that criminals and criminal tendencies were reduced in the country.

Also yesterday, the Minister of State for Defence, Mrs. Fidelia Njeze, said she said Nigeria was preparing a battalion of about 670 for international operations in Somalia in addition to the about 4,000 military personnel to various parts of the world. She said the government was also planning a total overhaul of the military.

Njeze who, toured the Defence Headquarters yesterday in Abuja, informed the service chiefs that security was central to the programmes of the government and that it is prepared to overhaul the military to meet world standards and boost the morale of average military personnel.