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## 38 dead in Bauchi violence

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Thirty-eight persons were yesterday confirmed dead in clashes between a combined military/police squad and suspected members of a religious sect, Kalakato in Bauchi State.

Commissioner of Police Atiku Kafur told the *Agence France Press* (AFP) that a soldier was among the dead.

Kafur said: "In all, 38 people were killed including a soldier and two innocent neighbours. Among those killed is the leader of the sect." He identified the sect leader simply as Malam Badamasi.

"We made 20 arrests, including nine adults and 11 juveniles, while 14 were injured," he said.

A Nigerian Red Cross official Adamu Abubakar earlier gave *AFP* a death toll of 33. The fighting occurred in the Federal Low Cost Housing Estate in the Zango neighbourhood of Bauchi.

Security agents recovered in the premises of the sect leader, "bomb-making tools and explosives, two AK47 rifles with several rounds of ammunition," Kafur said.

A large quantity of swords, daggers and gun powder were also recovered, he added.

The Red Cross' Abubakar said 30 bodies of suspected members of the Kala-Kato sect were taken to the morgue at the Bauchi Specialist hospital along with the bodies of a soldier and a policeman.

Members of the sect invaded the Federal Low Cost Housing Estate at Zango in Bauchi State, early in the day maiming, killing and burning.

Kalakato, is said to be an offshoot of Maitatsine, a Islamic sect, which wreaked havoc in the Northeast and Kano State in the 1980s, torched houses near their camp. Properties estimated at thousands of naira were razed.

The violence which broke out at 9.20 a.m. was preceded by the 5a.m. prayer .

Nineteen year old Kamal Adamu Isa told *The Nation* that the leader of the sect was preaching and cursing Muslim elites for the killing of Boko Haram members, and swearing that they would avenge their (Boko Haram) death.

Kamal said: "These people don't have any mosque but have a camp where even two year-old children are being kept.

"They have dangerous weapons in there, they have dug holes in which they keep plenty food stuff and other things. Besides they have charms that the Police bullets can't penetrate their bodies"

Pointing to a body, Kamal said: "That is the body of the soldier killed this morning, After killing the soldier they collected his gun, dragged him inside, stripped and threw him out there."

The incident occurred when Governor Isa Yuguda was not in town. His deputy Babayo Garuba and Speaker of the House of Assembly Ahmed Abubakar Faggo were also not in town.



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**Muyiwa batch B** Rating:

said this on 29 Dec 2009 4:09:03 AM WAT

Please federal government should do something about protecting the lifes of we corper's coming back next week to bauchi state.the issue of january clearance should be shifted forward till another date.so that to reduce tension. ARE WE SAFE OR NOT?

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**Mike** Rating:

said this on 29 Dec 2009 4:14:33 AM WAT

When we this kind of altitude stop in Nigeria?i think is not the at this stage when our called leader is on sick bed.lets continue praying that God should come and intervene.

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**ekundayo adeniran** Rating: ★★★★★

said this on 29 Dec 2009 4:40:51 AM WAT

What manner of a nation is this? Always in the news for all the wrong reasons! First it was the Maitatsine that ripped apart the heart and soul of the nation from its cockpit of operations in the North, then came its disting uished successor, Boko somthing and now the no-holds-barred Kalakato, whispered around to be the offshoot of Maitatsine. Anywhere this satanic sect strikes, the outcome has been more of the same: sorrows, tears and blood. Who for goodness sake will deliver the nation from all this rage of bloodthirsty vampires masquerading as religious zealots? Only God can, coupled with the required muscles of will-power to ensure that crimes, such as, this dont pay anymore; and to expose the master pupeteers behind this string of undeserving tragedies for Nigeria. And for goodnes, can you imagine that on an evil day like this, the Gover, Yuguda, the president's fabled opulent and well-connected inlaw, and Governor of the state was conveniently missing in action. Ditto the conniving speaker in the removal of the former Deputy Governor, Abubakr Faggo, and the newly shooed-in Deputy Governor, Babayaro Garuba. What an eloquent absence of governance and presence of eminent medi ocrity. Not the finest and most persuasive pr and branding master-blastar campaign can bail Yuguda of the sentence:guilty as charged. With leaders like this who are dealers in politricks only, who needs aborters of noble dreams? I wonder, I just wonder. Please; Let's pray. God save Nigeria!

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**Niyi** Rating: ★★★★★

said this on 29 Dec 2009 10:45:48 AM WAT

I am not a muslim, in fact religion means so little to me but I can only imagine the burden on the minds of true muslims who see their religion being stained everyday. Is n't there anything that peace-loving muslims can do to wrestle their respected religion from these spoilers?

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**Jackie** Rating: ★★★★★

said this on 29 Dec 2009 11:03:48 AM WAT

I think these people have some highly influencial personality sponsoring them, this because after the Boko Haram incident the government of the day promise they will get to the root cause of the crisis. Uptil now nothing has been said about the matter again. Innocent Nigerians are been killed by some people that we do not know thier if they are Nigerians. Please you that are in authority help us. We ask that this incident be investigated and the report publish so that Nigerians will now the perpetrators of this ugly act that is gainst the teaching of the two major religions in this country. Thank you may the Good Lord console the family of all the innocent people that lost thier lives in this criss.

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**ahmad ibn Abu bakr**

said this on 29 Dec 2009 12:36:33 PM WAT

all of nigeria must be islamised before there would be peace. Islam only.

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**sharon eto** Rating: ★★★★★

said this on 29 Dec 2009 12:54:00 PM WAT

Muyiwa, do not go back to that place; Seek redeployment to liberal states like kogi or niger if possible. When those guys up there are possessed by the evil spirit, they recognize no corper or friend

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**isyaka laminu badamasi** Rating: ★★★★★

said this on 29 Dec 2009 1:22:09 PM WAT

sharon u hav 2 b objectiv whi tel u dt bauchi is nt liberal,by the way wht of niger delta

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