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Air Chief Marshal Petinrin with Brig.-Gen Umaru on a visit to a victim of the Jos bombings at BUTH

THICK, dark smoke billowed into the sky as fire lapped up many homes Monday in Jos.

Arsonists deepened the Plateau State capital's trouble, setting homes on fire and leaving no room for the burial of the dead.

Eighty people have been confirmed dead so far in Friday's explosions and the crisis that followed it, the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) said Monday.

NEMA Deputy Director of Communication Daniel Balarabe Gambo said the organisation's men had been in the city since Saturday, assisting the victims of the crisis.

He said: "A total of 80 people died; 189 hospitalised, out of whom 70 have been treated and discharged from hospitals.

"This figure is what we got from five hospitals in Jos.

"These are: the Jos University Teaching Hospital (JUTH), the Bingham University Teaching Hospital (BUTH), Ola Hospital, Zakaria Hospital and Sunnah Hospital.

"This figure was released to NEMA as well as to the Police, Red Cross, Civil Defence Corps and the Special Task Force (STF)."

The military stepped in Monday to stop the violence in Abattoir and Anglo-Jos quarters, threatening to shoot arsonists on sight.

"We have given instructions that anybody who wants to set a church, mosque or any building ablaze should be shot. If you want to shut a church or a mosque down, you will be shot.

"Already, this place is polarised and we cannot afford to allow hoodlums to take undue advantage to promote sectarian violence," the Commander of the Joint Military/Police Task Force, Brig.-Gen. Hassan Umaru, said Monday.

The task force urged leaders of the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) and Jama'atul Nasril Islam (JNI) to beg their angry youths.

Gen. Umaru said: "The atmosphere in Jos has been relatively peaceful, except in Abattoir and Anglo-Jos quarters, where angry youths are still on a revenge mission.

"The situation is still tense in these two quarters and we are trying our best to be as civil as possible.

"I can tell you that we were able to guarantee movement without molestation in many areas of the metropolis, except Abattoir and Anglo-Jos, where some houses were burnt. Calm has returned to Angwa Rukuba, one of the hot spots in the crisis.

"Chief of Defence Staff Air Chief Marshal Oluseyi Petinrin was here to take stock and he even visited Angwa Rukuba where he appealed to agitated youths.

"We are also involving stakeholders, like CAN and JNI leaders, in our operation to help us talk to the angry youths to sheathe their swords.

"We are engaging everyone to give peace a chance. With the involvement of CAN and JNI leaders, we hope that they will be able to persuade the aggrieved to lay down their arms.

Air Chief Marshal Petinrin added said the Federal Government will join the government of Plateau State to investigate last Friday's explosions in Jos. Those culpable are to be punished, he added.

Air Chief Marshal Petinrin spoke yesterday during an on-the-spot assessment of the areas where the blasts occurred.

"The crisis in Jos will no longer be treated with kid gloves," he said.

Air Marshal Petinrin told the people at Gada-Biu: "My visit today is not a happy one. I commiserate with you on behalf of the Armed Forces. The intention of government is to fish out the perpetrators because we can not continue to allow the people of evil mind to move about freely.

"I want all of you to be patient with the law enforcement agents and allow them to carry out a thorough investigation, I can assure you that positive results will come out of our investigation," he assured.

The General Overseer of Evangelical Bible Outreach International, Prophet Isa El-Buba, blamed the bombings on failed intelligence gathering by security agencies.

El-Buba told reporters that the bombings were planned to cause mayhem in the heart of the Middle Belt so that the North "will catch fire". He said the explosions might have been caused by the same elements that were indicted by the various judicial commissions of inquiry into the past crises in Jos.

"We Christian leaders have sounded the alarm to heads of security agencies in Jos about the plan by some Islamic extremists to destroy Jos and nothing was done on those reports. Look at what is happening now," El-Buba lamented.

He urged President Goodluck Jonathan to act very fast to bring Jos under control.

"What is going on is a direct attack on the government of President Jonathan and Governor Jonah Jang of Plateau State.

The Federal Government must wake up to deliver Nigeria from the hands of a few religious zealots," he said.

United Nations (UN) Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon has condemned the explosions.

A UN statement said Ban expressed his support for efforts by the Nigerian authorities to bring those responsible for the blasts to justice. The UN chief conveyed his condolences to the families of the victims and to the government and people of Nigeria.

Dr Jean Ping, the African Union (AU) Commission Chairperson, also condemned Friday's blasts and the Boko Haram attacks in Maiduguri.

A statement issued by the Communication and Information Unit of the AU Peace and Security Council said Ping was shocked and sad at the two incidents that occurred on the same day.

"The chairperson has learnt with shock and sadness of the string of bomb attacks that hit Jos, the Northcentral State and the attack on churches in Maiduguri on Dec. 24, which resulted to the killing of 38 civilians while dozens were wounded," the council stated.

Ping condemned in strongest terms "these cowardly terrorist attacks, which could not be justified under any circumstances" and extended his condolences to the families of those who lost their lives and prayed for the speedy recovery of those wounded.

He reaffirmed the determination of the AU to combat terrorism, saying that the commission would continue to support efforts being made by member states in combating the menace.

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**TATA** on 28/12/2010 02:15:25



what is the primary locus of these killings...the creation of jos north local government by babangida...



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**Icesaint** on 28/12/2010 04:57:27



With all of these someone is still saying we should select our next president based on sectionalism. That is the main issue here. We see ourselves as two different sections. May all those who propose zoning and sectionalism rot in hell.



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[APIREEEEE](#) on 28/12/2010 05:46:58



what happened to all the reports of panels set up long befor now?@TATA what do you mean?



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[Thomas Okirika George](#) on 28/12/2010 05:49:43



Whither Jos? Whither Nigeria?



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**dim** on 28/12/2010 07:36:42



nigeria cannot stand as one,period.



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**saaondo chief** on 28/12/2010 07:38:59



Wakeup people it's never like this in Israel. Are they not christians, do they sit and fold their hands for people without future to consistently be attacking them. It's time to show to everybody that we are not visitors in this country.



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[ashogbon,m.b.a](#) on 28/12/2010 08:05:23



my conclusion in all these-abuja,jos &maiduguri is that those in govt uses the apprratus of governance for selfish reasons& not for the protection of the masses



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**kopji Tibbin** on 28/12/2010 08:41:12



The truth about the Jos crisis is that;Jos is seen as a trophy that must be won at all cost.Those who perpetrate these cowardly attacks on the peace loving people of Plateau should also know that NOBODY has the monopoly of VIOLENCE.The average plateau person is peaceful.This

disposition shouldn't be mistaken for weakness. We are ready to confront cowards that should have the courage for an open fight.



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[Usie Ovie](#) on 28/12/2010 08:47:15



This is just the beginning of the end, Nigeria needs to break up!

we dont need each other to succeed!



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**seth** on 28/12/2010 09:05:39



well, the federal govt. must proof to us that its in control because this is one time too many. previous reports of panels set to investigate such? the federal govt. must not always concede to this blood thirsty jihadist. the plateau state house of assembly banned the use of commercial moto cycle in jos because of security threats, was it not the then GOC, Salleh Minna who turned against it? is angwan Rogo in jos not sitting on the University of jos land? havent other investigations revealed people in top places as sponsors? the fed govt. must do something to regain its confidence in the people. the fact that christians are keeping quite does not mean they can react. we are wtching!!!!!!



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**nanjul Nims** on 28/12/2010 09:11:26



it is time for all the christain youth in jos so sit up because thier enemies are trying to destroyed thier God giving city

it is going to be very bad if the government of Nigeria will fold their hands and continue to see the christian bee cheated in such way

if their need peace, the government should act or else let the government withdraw and let fight to the last. enough is enough



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**ArisaS** on 28/12/2010 09:49:03



My questions are, why is it that anytime there's violence in the Northern states christians are always targetted, why we cannot hear that moslems or mosques are attacked. Is it evidence that Nigeria needs to be spltted? We are not one and we cannot be one.



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**o onyi** on 28/12/2010 09:56:32



time is coming when every body will know his or her way in nigeria. those foolish northerners will soon see riot that pass them. is it bc every body kept silent that made them feel free in killing our peoples.



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**Lawale Fawale** on 28/12/2010 11:21:56



Good morning, Mr President, what are you doing in curtailing this hydra-headed monster called religious/ethnic crisis in the country? Should it be handled as usual with kid gloves, I see a Nigeria where everyone will have to go around armed to the teeth for personal protection/security, since its foolish to fold ones arms and allow some cretins to snuff life out of one.

Sir, what would this translate to? ANARCHY.

Our intelligence community are too complacent towards their duty. is it that there is no lack of will on their part or they simply do not have what it takes to act? If they are stretched too thin, why not recruit more people who can think? Let the era of man-know-man be over, especially in security matters. what your opponents are looking for is to create a sense of insecurity in the country, and to tell you the truth, they are doing it well. When there is a sense of insecurity in the country, it goes without saying that, the citizenry will not trust their fate on someone who cannot protect them, someone who is allowing evil to thrive because his hands are tied.

Sir, where is the will that saw you through your struggling days? Summon it and more, the fate of NIGERIA is in your hands, whether good or bad, Goodluck Jonathan will be remember for one. Its your choice to make. No one will take the responsibility, act now.

Thanks.

Lawale Fawale





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**damiete** on 28/12/2010 11:24:35

come on christian's of jos platu state dont sleep and allow thoes cows ride on you , cant you people see how the isrealites are doing it,



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**Nas** on 28/12/2010 12:01:44

the so called prophet isa, do you think those indicted by ajibola panel is justified, you are the kind of people drag jang into where he is now by excluding the warring faction, now creating a vast opportunity for new alqaeeda in Jos



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**righteous man** on 28/12/2010 12:10:11

Time may prove gaddafi right.



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**olalekan alimi** on 28/12/2010 13:27:15

These Apostles of Violent change masquerading as Presidential aspirants need to interpret their violent change to us now that the violent change has gotten to the next level in Jos



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[Neck breaker](#) on 28/12/2010 13:50:54

See guys, if they bomb you, bomb them them back. Stop all this smesme.



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[think tank](#) on 28/12/2010 14:13:44



Its entirely the Berom tribe and their leaders who insist on driving away some people from Jos who should bear responsibility for all these mayhem. But where were all the security agencies when all the planning and execution of these blasts took place? Or ARE THEY NOT REALLY INNOCENT OF THE GOINGS ON? STILL THIS DOES NOT ABSOLVE THE LEADERS OF THE BEROM OF THE BLAME FOR THE FIRE THEY IGNITED IN THE FIRST [PLACE!!!!!!]



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