

# Seven dead in police post bombing, bank robbery

■ Defence chief gets presidential order to stop killings in Jos

From Austine Tsenzughul,  
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**F**IVE policemen were killed yesterday in a sudden attack on a police station in Bauchi State.

Gunmen operating in typical Boko Haram fashion bombed the Misau town police station and invaded a bank, where they killed a policeman, carting away a huge sum of money.

The hoodlums hurled a bomb at the police station, killing five policemen and a civilian.

They freed suspects detained in the police cell before setting the building on fire.

They left the area after shooting sporadically into the air to scare away people.

Misau is 163 kilometres from Bauchi, the state capital.

The unknown gunmen then moved to the Main Street Bank (formerly Afribank) branch, which is close to the police station. They killed a policeman on guard and stormed the bank.

Eye witnesses said the hoodlums carted away huge sums of money.

Bauchi Police Commissioner Ikechukwu Ayo Aduba confirmed the incident on the telephone. He said details were being compiled and promised speedy investigation of the incident.

An eye witness said on the telephone from Misau that "five policemen and a civilian were killed at the police station, and the sixth policeman was felled at the bank".

This is the third time the Misau Police station has been attacked. It was attacked dur-

## BOMB SCARE AT UI



• Security men checking vehicles entering the University of Ibadan (UI) following a bomb scare at the university ... yesterday. Story on page 9.

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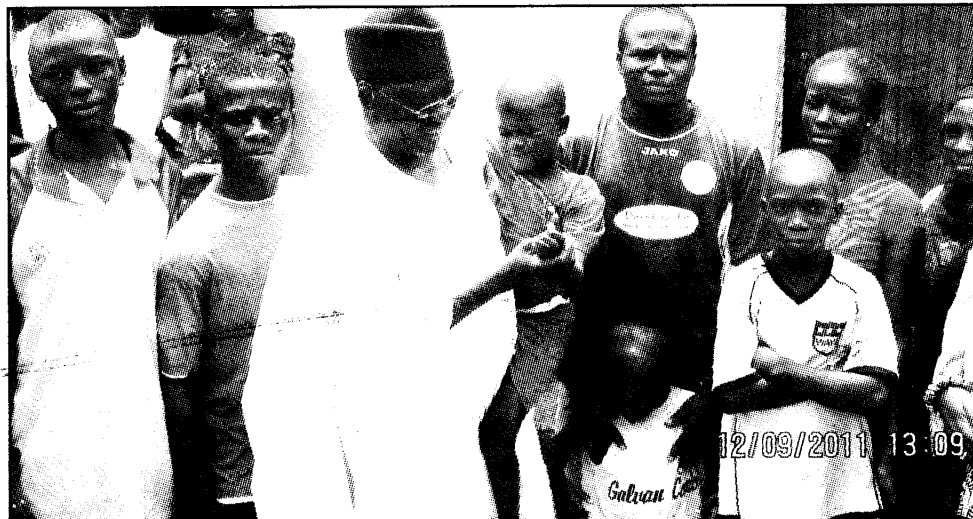
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•Managing Director/CEO, NDDC, Mr. Chibuzor Ugwoha (left) and the representative of the Minister of Science and Technology, Dr. Dere Awosika, at the provision of science infrastructure for basic and technical education in the Niger Delta States in Enugu ... last weekend



•Governor Umaru al-Makura of Nasarawa State, carrying an autistic orphan during his visit to the razed Gidan Bege Orphanage in Lafia ... yesterday

## Defence chief gets presidential order to stop killings in Jos

**T**HE serial killings in Jos, the beleaguered Plateau State capital and its environs, got President Goodluck Jonathan cracking yesterday.

Dr Jonathan directed Chief of Defence Staff Air Marshal Oluseyi Petinrin to end the killings immediately.

No fewer than 100 persons – most of them members of same families – have been killed in attacks on homes in villages within the last few days.

The President also scheduled a meeting with Governor Jonah Jang today in Abuja over the security situation in the Northcentral state.

Rumours of attacks have been circulating through text messages in the state.

Many residents are having sleepless nights over threats of attacks.

The presidential directive,

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which is with “immediate effect,” was delivered after yesterday’s security meeting at the Presidential Villa.

Vice President Namadi Sambo, security chiefs and the National Security Adviser (NSA), Gen. Andrew Azazi, attended the three-hour meeting.

A statement by presidential spokesman Reuben Abati said:

“In keeping with his avowed resolve to ensure the full security of lives and property across the country, President Jonathan has directed the Chief of Defence Staff, Air Marshall Oluseyi Petinrin, to take full charge of the security situation in Plateau State immediately and take all necessary actions to stop the recent spate of killings in the state.

“Following a meeting of the

### Seven killed

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ing the last general elections.

No organisation has claimed responsibility for the attack so far.

Inspector General of Police Hafiz Ringim last month ordered the Bauchi Police chief to investigate attacks on financial institutions in the state.

Governor Isa Yuguda has consistently said that there are no Boko Haram men in the state but armed robbers.

National Security Council, President Jonathan also directed the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, Chief Anyim Pius Anyim, to bring up all pending reports by recent committees set up by the Federal Government on the Plateau for immediate review and implementation.

“President Jonathan, who is scheduled to meet with the Plateau State Governor, Chief Jonah Jang tomorrow, further directed the National Emergency Management Agency

(NEMA) to take prompt action to address the plight of internally displaced persons in Plateau State.

“He renewed his call on parties involved in the crises in Plateau State to embrace tolerance, dialogue and compromise to ensure the success of ongoing efforts to achieve a lasting resolution of their differences.”

The state police command said it has uncovered the plan by some youths to invade Jos and cause further loss of lives

and property.

Rumours are rife of Muslims mobilising youths from outside the state to assist them in attacking Christians in Jos.

Text messages are being circulated. People who have relatives in Jos have been calling their loved ones to alert them.

One of such messages indicated that many trucks had been assembled to convey youths from some parts of the North to Jos for the impending attack.

The police, who have been monitoring movements into the city in the last few days, confirmed that they had noticed an unusual influx of youths from some states in the North into Jos on motorcycles.

In a statement yesterday, the state police command said: “Consequent upon the influx of youths from other states of the North into Plateau with many unregistered motorcycles, the Plateau State

Police Command wishes to inform all owners of unregistered motorcycles to get them registered forthwith.”

The statement, signed by the Police Public Relations Officer Apev Jacob, an ASP, said: “This is to prevent them from being used for criminal purposes.

“We want to warn that any person who flouts this directive by using such unregistered motorcycle will be traced, arrested and prosecuted, in accordance with provisions of the road traffic Act.

“The command also wishes to state in clear terms that security is a collective business and should therefore be devoid of ethnic, religious and political sentiments.

“Finally we want to reaffirm our commitment and determination to provide maximum security to all law abiding citizens in the state.”

## Bombings won't make Nigeria disintegrate, says Jonathan

**P**RESIDENT Goodluck Jonathan last night as

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the President, he does not have the fiat to impose the

resolve to have peace, it could be difficult, he said

situation in Bayelsa State, where he was governor, he

ernment has abolished waivers for fertilizer importation.