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# Boko Haram: Bloody days in Kano, Borno, Bauchi

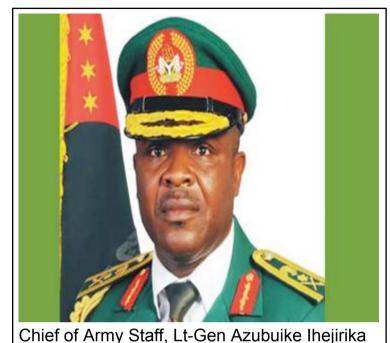
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-20 die in clashes -JTF: sect's kingpin killed

Guns boomed in some parts of the North on Sunday and yesterday.

Twenty people were killed in clashes in Kano and the Borno State capital, Maiduguri.

Gunmen believed to be members of the Boko Haram sect stormed Bauchi, killing nine people on Sunday night.



In Maiduguri, a gun duel between men of the Joint Task Force (JTF) and the Boko Haram men led to the death of 10 gunmen. Some JTF members were injured and some houses burnt down.

Yesterday, the JTF in Kano claimed to have killed a kingpin of Boko Haram (western education is a sin). It also declared two members of the sect arrested.

Sources close to the Kano JTF said it killed Abu Qaqa, the Boko Haram spokesman, in Kano after which two others with him were arrested, but the sect had not reacted as at last

night.

A JTF official said Boko Haram spokesman and commander of its members in Kogi State were shot dead at a checkpoint at Mariri, Kano. The official said the men had come to Kano to seek medical attention for the spokesman's wife, the BBC reported.

Boko Haram has staged numerous attacks across the North, killing some 1,400 people.

The military has previously claimed to have arrested Abul Qaqa, but this was denied by Boko Haram officials who said a wrong man had been detained.

The JTF said it stopped a car suspected to be carrying some senior Boko Haram commanders in Kano.

A source close to the military said one of the people in the car tried to escape and was shot. He died in the hospital.

The source said some of the people in the car informed the military that the person shot was Abu Qaqa, the man who signs emails sent to the media on behalf of the group.

Abu Qaqa is believed to be an alias. So, establishing his identity will not be easy.

The woman who was with them allegedly told security forces that the man killed was Abul Qaqa.

Statements are often issued on behalf of Boko Haram in the name of Abul Qaqa, and someone identifying himself by that name has regularly held telephone conferences with reporters in Maiduguri.

Earlier this year, security sources said a suspect believed to be Abul Qaqa had been arrested.

At the time, a purported Boko Haram member confirmed one of the group's high-ranking members was arrested, but refuted reports that the detained person was its spokesman. Boko Haram has been blamed for more than 1,400 deaths in the North.

The group's attacks have grown increasingly deadly and sophisticated, including suicide bombings at the United Nations (UN) Headquarters in Abuja, the Police Headquarters and the Abuja office of

## ThisDay.

JTF spokesman Lt. Ikedechi Iweha said an early morning operation was carried out in Hotoro Quarters.

According to him, the suspects were raided and arrested following a tip-off from intelligence sources at an identified residential home in Hotoro Quarters.

Asked whether one of the arrested suspects could be identified as Abu Qaqa, Lt. Iweha said, "All I know is that two people were arrested and I don't know their rank. Therefore, I cannot know whether it is Abu Qaqa or not."

He said the suspects would be transferred to Abuja for further interrogation.

The killing and the arrest of the two suspected Boko Haram members came barely 24 hours after gunmen believed to be members of the sect killed a Civil Defence Corps officer, alongside his wife, daughter and a visitor in his Hotoro Quarters home.

Nine people were killed in Bauchi also on Sunday night.

Governor Isa Yuguda yesterday condemned the killings and the wounding of 15 others in an attack on people at Zango in the Bauchi metropolis.

The injured are receiving treatment at the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University Teaching Hospital

(ATBUTH), Bauchi.

Yuguda described the attack as an act of terrorism.

His Chief Press Secretary Mr. Ishola Michael Adeyemi, spoke on his behalf in a statement.

Yuguda said: "There is no way we will allow criminals and terrorists to continue living among us, terrorising innocent people. We must partner to stop these heinous acts."

The governor noted that terrorists' acts are not directed at one direction because of religion, tribe and or political inclination, but every citizen is made a target. "We must come together to fight these evil men. They live among us and we must expose them at all cost. These wanton killings must stop now."

He added: "Let us allow security operatives to do their work and track down the criminals. We should please avoid anything that will lead to the loss of more lives and disrupt the peace that we are enjoying in the state."

The gunmen, operating on a tricycle (Keke NAPEP), opened fire on a group of people at Zango, at the Federal Housing Estate in Bauchi while they were relaxing.

No group has yet claimed responsibility for the attack that took place a few metres from where an Islamic group, the Kala-Kato, staged a revolt in February 2009.

Security in the area and in the state capital has been tightened. Bauchi Police spokesman ASP Auyo confirmed the killings.

In Borno State, no fewer than 10 people died on Sunday night during the exchange of gun fire between men of the JTF and some suspected terrorists.

Some houses were also set on fire. The gun duel ensued after a bomb explosion in Gwange ward of the Maiduguri Metropolis around 8:30am.

An eyewitness, Mallam Usman Abdullahi, said: "An Improvised Explosive Device (IED) suspected to have been planted by some terrorists targeting a security patrol vehicle in Gwange Ward, exploded, injuring two JTF men.

Abdullahi said: "Soon after the explosion, gunshots ensued, but the JTF after repelling the attack, quickly cordoned off the area.

"I cannot say whether those killed were innocent people or the houses which were set ablaze belong to the suspected terrorists, but all I saw with my eyes was that some bodies littered the streets on Monday morning, even as some houses were still burning," Adbulahi said.

A hospital attendant at the State Specialist Hospital, who does not want his name mentioned, said he saw two patrol vehicles of the JTF with bodies, adding that each of the vehicle carried five bodies. This

was yesterday morning. He said they came to deposit bodies of those believed to be killed terrorist.

Also on Sunday evening at about 8:45pm, some gunmen and injured a business man and top ANPP stakeholder in Yobe State, Alhaji Mustapha Sheriff Mashidimami.

It was gathered that the gunmen who invaded the family house of the politician in Damboa road in Maiduguri, demanded some unspecified amount of money, but when they were not able to get their demands from the business man, they shot and injured him before they fled.

JTF spokesman Lt.-Col. Sagir Musa and police spokesman Gideon Jibrin could not be reached because of lack of communication networks being experienced in the state for the past one week.

A former Chief of Army Staff, Lt-Gen Chris Alli yesterday said that for Nigeria to overcome the insurgency of Boko Haram, it must design its operations in a way that will make it impossible for members of the sect to have contacts with indigenes of communities.

Gen. Alli canvassed a change of policy and setting up of operational command bases under the command of the President in areas prone to Boko Haram attacks.

He spoke in Benin City yesterday at the 80th birthday celebration by Dr. Samuel Ogbemudia. He delivered a lecture on the topic: "Reshaping the Nigerian Army Changing Security Environment."

The former Chief of Army Staff called for the establishment of a foreign unit to monitor Boko Haram

interaction with terrorists operating outside Nigeria.

He said: "Activities of Boko Haram in the Northern part of Nigeria have become a major security threat, as the sect pursues an extremist ideology seeking to establish an absolute Islamic State starting with Borno State.

"The sect's objective is to destroy the present democratic practices and impose its own brand of government."

Gen. Alli urged the government to provide medical services and basic amenities to individuals affected by Boko Haram activities as well as providing services that Boko Haram could not provide.

He noted that Nigeria Army cannot execute many of its tasks because it lacks "significant airlift and sealift capabilities."

He said ethno-religious conflicts in Nigeria could have been well managed by the police if not for the teeming jobless youths and proliferation of arms.

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Sylver\_charles

we inherited alot of things from the founding fathers of this country except LOVE for one another...the north is burning by the fire set by a very few miscreants..and the rest of the country wish they burn to ashes...but everything still goes back to the president...it is his duty to protect lives and properties and he swore to do that ......to do that he MUST be unassuming ......as far as our president is concern boko haram is the the hand work of his political enemies......it serves his interest if the rest of the country sees the problem

as political.it well earn him some sympathy ....but i tell you one thing, suicide bombing is not part of political thuggery...it involves extreme believe, achieve through long water-tight indoctrination and carefully structured brain-washing information....dozens of Nigerians returns from such training from Somalia ,Yemen etc of course Abdumuttalar who try to bomb US airline is not the first nor the last nigerian , for such training and am happy Lt Gen Chris Ali have identify this foreign influence....and as far as our dear president keep looking at his political enemies ONLY this fire will keep burning .....

3 days ago 3 Likes

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Olodo

this is the most objective comment i have ever seen in this forum

2 days ago in reply to Sylver charles

Like Reply



donik

It is unfortunate that members of boko haram are not relenting in their murderous mission. We have been told of arrest of some of the members of this deadly society but

we have not read of trials and conviction of the arrested members. I hope the government are not just detaining these killers for eventual release without trial. This was the practice when Igbos were targeted in moslem - dominated states of the North. The government should set up special courts for speedy trial of terrorist, armed robbers and kidnapers.

3 days ago 2 Likes

Like Reply



Eric Lo

There is no point in having trials for murderers, it is a waste of time. A bullet in the back of the head and an announcement of 'died while escaping custody' is enough. They could start to clear the Kanuri areas of this disease.

3 days ago in reply to donik 1 Like

Like Reply



tata tata

airlift and sealift capabilities to borno and yobe states?...some people are copying from their staff college notebooks...

# 2 days ago





#### **Ibrahim Akintunde**

Now, the federal government suppose to declare Bokko Harram rebels and commence severe attacks on these criminals. The concept of this sect is nonsense and not for an enlightened society. Bravo to the JTF, God is behind them in their efforts to combat these madmen.

2 days ago <u>Like Reply</u>



#### **Obi Onyinyechi**

Bless my soul! The khakistocrats never connive nor compromise, ever dedicated. Yes! The nigerian army.. they can only get better!! All that is needed @ this stage is to have them invoke the spirit of benjamin adekunle and the dark-goggled one & double the fury of the Biafran assault & in less than six months discipline accompanied by its sibblings, law & order, will come to reside permanently in all parts of the north. On our part, we the well-meaning citizens of one nigeria will remain undaunted in our support\_increased taxation, relinquishing of certain liberties if necessary\_ towards a successful routing of

the brutes of a civilised age. May d khaki guns keep blazing & d harvest of cadavers more bountiful till patriotic calm pervades d north.. With love, for one nigeria.

2 days ago

Like Reply



Kelvinikono

i think it will be counter productive to arrest and prosecute instantly, the mad spirit in them should be broken down first, then you will hear them confess things you cant imagine

2 days ago

Like Reply



Eric Lo

You are talking about the past, unfortunately the Real World has crossed the Nigerian border and some of it is indigestable. Islam is so hungry and aggressive now Worldwide that the relaxed co-existence of it in the mainly

Christian country of Nigeria is now shattered forever. Islam must leave Nigeria

3 days ago

Like Reply

#### Deandean31

Eric the wise man. Where should Islam go? You are one of the bastards of the great country called Nigeria. We are talking on how to unite every religion, every human being living in Nigeria, you are talking of sending Muslims out of Nigeria. Do you think Islam is a household name? Islam is the entire name of the country called Nigeria. Who hates peace, nobody for sure. Islam mean peace and nothing than peace. If you do not want peace in your life, you can live Nigeria for us. Nobody will send Christianity, Judaism, Islam or free thinker out of Nigeria. If Allah wants the whole world to be worshiping as Muslims, Christians or Judaisms, HE has the power but HE lives everyone alone to choose whatever way pleases him or her to worship God. My Eric, be wise enough to think before you open your stinking mouth.

2 days ago in reply to Eric Lo

Like Reply



Olodo

Or you leave

## 2 days ago in reply to Eric Lo





**Kingsley Gana** 

i keep reading in cold disgust on dailly basis the ruthless and catastrophic damage the boko haram sect continues to inflict on innocent nigerians and wonder if the victims will ever be able to get out of the trauma considering the ineptitude of our government/security forces and the lack of a sincere and steadfast fixity of purpose from the government in ending this terrible mess.

the JTF may be succeeding in quelling the activities of the sect and as we continue to hear of numerous arrests everyday i am baffled that no significant breakthrough has been recorded at this stage. in other climes an arrest of jus a single member would be an open window for the security agencies to crack down the sect but the reverse is the case here, wat a shame.

3 days ago

Like Reply



Udoabasi, Udoabasi

If this Mallam Usman Abdullahi is a real name, why mention him the press? Do you want Boko Haram to kill him?

3 days ago

Like Reply



nasiru7

may the Creator save naija from destruction, when will they stop killing innocent Muslims all in the name of killing boko harm which is false

3 days ago Like Reply



mosovie

Do you really mean the ones killed by the soldiers are innocent Muslims? I say so because if they were armed before they were shot at by the troops, they cannot be said to be innocent. May GOD help us in JESUS' NAME.

2 days ago in reply to nasiru7

Like Reply



nasiru7

shud dey are armed, dey can't be said to be innocent bt most often tym d jtf killed unarmed people lyk what happened in Kogi this year when d jtf killed unarmed people including a christian whom they called boko haram.

2 days ago in reply to mosovie

Like Reply



#### Ebuteigoche

I think it is high time we Nigerians open our eyes to the reality of the world that is been created by those in the corridors of economic political and religious status not just in Nigeria alone but as can be seen in some other countries. We are been deceive to think that our problem is because this person is a christian and i am a Muslim or an ideology to take each others life if justifying the fact the we are expressing our extreme inclination to our belief or the fact that we must be heard whether or not the Government likes it or not such ideologies we not take us any where but rather shatter the dreams of our finding fathers of this great Nation Nigeria. Where Northerner can come to the north central and win election into the house of representative. Benue State during the J S Tarker era in politics. When Unamdi Azikeweh from the east and Awolowo from the western region and Amudu

Bello came together in a formidable intellectual force to be able to bring us into the new era of one undivided patriotic country to defined from the hands of colonialism. where people like Aminu Kanu advocated for politics without bitterness which must of our politicians since to have forget to soon. I think we should revisit the dreams of this Great Nigerians and embrace the right ideology that will lead to peace, stability, tolerances and imbibe the spirit of one Nation for and become a role model to other countries in the world, Let us help build upon the foundation of one Nation despite all odds that challenges us as one united in multi- diverse in a federal character.if other counties have passed through the hurdles of multi- diverse challenges and still made it to become a world leading model to emulate like America then we can also. It all about embracing the ideology one Nation brotherhood with the right perception in airing our views to issues affecting us in a deliberating manner with integrity to human life and freedom of speech.

3 days ago in reply to nasiru7

Like Reply



**Fedeco Jally** 

You should please make a list of the members of the Boko Haram and send it to the

police. It seems you know them, nasiry7. Who knows whether you are not a member!

FEDECO, London

3 days ago in reply to nasiru7

Like Reply



Nwanzenwanzeahaba

which Muslims are they killing, or Muslims killing both sides.

3 days ago in reply to nasiru7

Like Reply



Eric Lo

He means they are killing the Christian Moslems. There is nothing quite like a Moslem in total denial.

3 days ago in reply to Nwanzenwanzeahaba

Like Reply



**Walter Marafioti** 

why those people dont spend time to going to scool and learn someting? they got time to fight and ask for money to the rest of the white world.... when we stop to feed this people...at list the would be to hungri and strendless to kill all thy brothers...

3 days ago <u>Like Reply</u>



Ovis

souls are being send to hell every time just in the name of false believe and devil is very happy cos devils inhuman face have multiply in the world carrying out his activities but no matter how strong they seem to be God is soon stop it with His unlimited power. It will soon be over. O God saves our souls, saves Nigerians

3 days ago <u>Like Reply</u>



mosovie

Where has Gen. Chris Alli (rtd) been all these while when boko haram is running wild and riding rough shod over the states in the North? If the advice he gave in Benin

City was given earlier, it may have meant a world of difference in the fight against the evil terrorist sect boko haram. If the new National Security Adviser to the President cannot get these mad men to the negotiating table as those in power earlier speculated, the military should be mandated to go all out and snuff life out of them without further delay since they are not relenting in their killing of innocent Nigerians. This blood bath could be stopped and the time is now. The government should heed the advice of Gen Chris Alli (rtd). May GOD help this nation in JESUS' NAME.

3 days ago <u>Like Reply</u>



Eric Lo

Never mind Jesus for the moment, the JTF should be ordered to level every building

in Maiduguri and Damaturu. What can the Boko Bonobos blow up then?

3 days ago in reply to mosovie

Like Reply



**Aaminuh** 

Good talk General Chris Alli, this is a real soldier with experience talking. Not the soldiers of these days that are like boys scouts. GEJ you better get General Alli to head the ministry of defence.

3 days ago Like Reply sufficient you must be the Gen son 3 days ago in reply to Aaminuh Like Reply Okeiyi Chiawolamuoke hmmmmm hope the NORTH wont complain that other regions or state are getting more investments or development than them. SEEK YE PEACE AND TRANQUILITY EVERY OTHER THING SHALL BE ADDED ONTO YOU 3 days ago in reply to sufficient Like Reply Hg\_5002

### Hamilton

The north is it stands today, is the greatest enemy of itself; the earlier they admit this fact and profer solution to the present insurgency, the better for them. Nobody will wait for them when they continue to destroy the little that they have presently

2 days ago in reply to Okeiyi Chiawolamuoke

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