

Forum indicts police commissioner

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A PRESSURE group in Plateau State, the Berom Democratic Forum has indicted the newly posted Police Commissioner to the state Mr. Richard Chime for the spate of criminal activities alleging that crime had assumed a high dimension since his assumption of office even as the rate of attacks on key political figures had also gone up.

It could be recalled that one of the gubernatorial aspirants on the platform of Advanced Congress of

Democrats (ACD) Arc. Paim Dung Gyang escaped assassination as gunmen laid siege on his house, resulting to killing of an Assistant Superintendent of Police, Michael David and an unidentified commercial motorcyclist last Wednesday.

Addressing a press briefing in Jos on Tuesday, the group leader, Mr. Marshall Simon Dachung Yang said the criminal activities carried out in a "ferocious and most organized manner" have been on the increase since the

creation of office of the present commissioner of police thus creating insecurity in the state.

According to the group, there were orchestrated attacks on other politicians in recent past including a Senatorial aspirant Mr. Philemon Dewan, a member of the House of Representatives Mr. Victor Lar, Permanent Secretary, Mr. Dan Tenshak and Mr. Haruna Dariye, junior brother to Governor Joshua Dariye among others.

He said the rising wave of violence was uncalled for considering the efforts of the present government at protecting lives and property.

"These dastard and cowardly acts of violence perpetrated with impunity are seriously challenging the patience of the Berom Democratic Forum and we warn that no group no matter how insidious has monopoly of violence": adding that their silence which is purely on the need to observe law and order, should not be misconstrued as a sign of weakness.

Mr. Yang called on the people of the state to support power shift to the Northern part of the state in 2007 in order to ensure there is equity in the distribution of power.

According to him, the Berom youths are prepared to give their

support to any Berom son out of the five that showed interest, as long as he is given the mandate by any of the parties in the forthcoming election.

However, the state police boss Mr. Chime who had earlier reacted to the spate of criminal activities in Jos and Bukuru metropolis said it had not gone out of hand as being insinuated stating that the police is doing everything to combat crime in the state but added that the level of unemployment was not helping the situation.

Mr. Chime called on politicians to play the game of politics with maturity saying there is no need to eliminate opponents



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