

# Another 14 killed in Plateau

ISAAC SHOBAYO - JOS

STILL reeling from the explosion that rocked Jos, the Plateau State capital, on Sunday, another 14 people have been killed by unknown gunmen, at Shovillage, in Barkin Ladi Local Government Area of the state.

**Nigerian Tribune** learnt that the gunmen, in their large number, swooped on the village on Tuesday, at about 1.30 a.m, killing the 14 people at random, at their respective houses before they bolted away.

A member of the state House of Assembly, representing Barkin Ladi constituency, Peter Gyendeng, confirmed the attack to newsmen and decried the situation, whereby killing in the area had become a daily affair.

He, therefore, called on the government and security agencies to step up action towards eradicating the menace.

Also confirming the incident, Mark Lipdo, founder of a non-governmental organisation (NGO), confirmed the killing and described the attack as inhuman, adding that such incident must be con-

demned by every Nigerian.

Meanwhile, a member representing Barkin Ladi/Riyom Federal Constituency in the House of Representatives, Honourable Istifanus Gyang, has called on the Federal Government to prioritise the rehabilitation of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in his constituency, following series of attacks by unknown gun-

men.

Gyang, who made the call in a statement in Jos, said he had taken the census of IDPs in his constituency and discovered that the state government and local government cannot afford to resettle and rehabilitate the IDPs.

The federal lawmaker visited the IDPs, where he decried the poor condition of

the victims of crisis.

Gyang commended President Muhammadu Buhari for initiating the rehabilitation of victims in the North, just as he called on him to include victims from his constituency.

The lawmaker, who lamented the scale and frequency of terror attacks on the communities in Barkin Ladi/Riyom Federal Con-

stituency, called on the executive arm of government to profile and classify the attacks as acts of terrorism.

Giving the breakdown of the terror attacks in his constituency, Honourable Gyang, said "as at June 2015, 276 people were killed, 350 others injured and over 22,000 of his constituents displaced, following attacks by terrorists."

## Police fortify security at worship centres Begin stop and search operations on roads/highways nationwide

CHRIS AGBAMBU - ABUJA

THE Inspector-General of Police (IGP), Solomon Arase, has directed state command Commissioners of Police to strengthen security at all mosques, churches and other worship centres across the country.

Also, adequate security had been ordered for venues, where Muslims break fast in the evenings, while worshippers were advised to be vigilant and promptly report to the police, any suspicious person or substance found in or around their environment.

Deputy Force Public Relations officer, Abayomi Shogunle, in a statement in Abuja, also said a ban had

been placed on street hawking and all forms of trading on Abuja roads/highways, especially road intersections, traffic light points and traffic hold-ups.

According to him, unauthorised taxi parks and bus

stops formed around the Federal Secretariat, Abuja, was now prohibited.

Meanwhile, sequel to intelligence report, the Inspector-General of Police (IGP), Solomon Arase, has directed the commencement of spe-

cial stop and search on roads and highways nationwide, with emphasis on roads in and out of major cities and towns.

Shogunle enjoined citizens to bear with the police during this security operation.

## NEMA calls for blood donation to help victims

MUHAMMAD SABIU  
- KADUNA

THE National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) is calling on the public to donate blood for treatment of victims of the Zaria bomb blast, who have been taken to the Ahmadu Bello University Teaching Hospital

(ABUTH) Shika.

Director-General of NEMA, Alhaji Muhammad Sani Sidi, in making the call, said the request was urgent to help in the survival of the victims, who had lost so much blood in the attack.

He appreciated the quick response in the evacuation of the victims and as-

sured immediate support of NEMA in the deployment of medical consummables and drugs for their treatment in the hospital.

"Twenty-six lives were lost and 33 injured in the explosion which occurred at the premises of Sabon Gari Local Government Secretariat, Zaria, on Tuesday morning," he said.