

## Plan by terrorists to attack VIPs real —Osinbajo

### As Boko Haram blamed for killing 'at least 25' in Maikadiri

**T**HE Vice-President, Professor Yemi Osinbajo, has declared that his disclosure about the the plan by Boko Haram terrorists to bomb residences of eminent Nigerian leaders is real.

The vice-president explained, on Saturday, while fielding questions from reporters shortly after attending the 90th birthday and thanksgiving service of Madam Dorcas Adedayo at the Cathedral of St James the Great, Oke-Bola, Ibadan, that Nigerians need to be more vigilant in order not to fall prey to terror attacks.

According to Professor

Osinbajo, the recent security alert exposing the hideous plan by terrorists to attack important personalities using garbage carriers was real and should be taken seriously.

He advised that every Nigerian irrespective of status must be security conscious at all times and be ready to co-operate with security agencies by reporting any suspicious movement.

Professor Osinbajo, who also spoke on the bailout to the states, explained that it was a creative way of addressing the financial crisis facing some of the states.

He explained that the bailout approved for the states

was in three categories, including funds released for payment of backlog of salaries from the \$2.1 billion NLNG tax.

The second package, the Vice-President said, would come in form of loan which the states could access at very concessionary rate and the third involved conversion of most loans states owed commercial banks into bonds.

In another development, at least 25 people were killed in new suspected Boko Haram attacks in the North-Eastern part of Nigeria, with many villagers also forced to flee their homes, residents said Saturday.

"The terrorists stormed

Maikadiri around 9am and opened fire on hapless residents," Simon Templer said.

"They laid siege in daylight because there are no soldiers or police nearby," said another survivor, Markus Ali, adding: "We counted 21 corpses."

The attackers "killed, destroyed and then fled," Ali said.

Two other villages close to Maikadiri in the Southern Borno State were also attacked, said Maina Ularamu, chief of the Madagali district.

"The gunmen arrived on 10 motorbikes, two or three on each bike and attacked Kopa, Maikadiri and Yaffa villages," he said.

