

## 7 killed, district head shot, 4 houses burnt in Plateau

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1 **N**O fewer than seven people were killed in Plateau State as a result of land dispute and cult related activities in Quapan and Jos North Local Government Areas of the state on Monday. Nigerian Tribune learnt that three people were killed in Quapan Local Government as a result of land dispute between the people of Shanful and Mudah while five houses were burnt in the crisis which lasted for four hours before the intervention of the men of Operation Safe Haven in charge of the security on the Plateau.

The Media Officer of Operation Safe Haven, Major Adams Mustspha, who confirmed the incident to the Nigerian Tribune, said the people of the two communities raised arms against themselves over the land given by the Mudah to the Fulani herdsmen to ply their trade.

According to him, the Shanful were of the opinion that harbouring the Fulani herdsmen was like an invitation for chaos and, therefore, want the Mudah to expel them which the later refused.

The STF Media officer said in the confusion that ensued three people were killed before the security men could get to the scene of the incident, adding the chiefs of the two communities were later invited to the headquarters of Plateau State police command for clarifications.

Still reeling from this, another four persons were also killed at Gada Biu area of Jos North Local Government on Monday, following a clash between two rival cult groups in the area.

A source close to the area revealed that the two dreaded groups had been terrorising the community but suddenly came out on Monday to engage themselves in a battle for supremacy which led to the death of four of the cultists.

The state Police Public

Relation Officer, ASP Terna Tyopev, who confirmed the incident, said the police were already combing the community to arrest the cultists.

In a related development, the district head of Gashish community in

Barakin Ladi Local Government Area of Plateau State and two others were shot on Sunday evening.

It was gathered that the Gwom Rwei Gashish (the district head) was shot at a close range by the gunmen who invaded the com-

munity and was rushed down to Barkin Ladi General Hospital where he is presently receiving treatment along with two others.

The Media Officer of Operation Safe Haven, who confirmed the attack to

the *Nigerian Tribune*, said the house of the district head and his vehicle were burnt by the gunmen, adding that they were repelled by men of the Operation Safe Haven who arrived the scene on time.

## Boko Haram no longer holds our territory, Nigeria tells UN

NIGERIA told the UN General Assembly in New York, United States, that the Boko Haram terrorists no longer held any territory in the country.

Nigeria's Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations (UN), Samson Itegeboje, stated this while presenting Nigeria's message at the 'High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly on Peacebuilding and Sustaining Peace,' at the UN headquarters.

Itegeboje said the meeting was being convened at a time when the global community was facing unprecedented threats, geopolitical tensions, social dislocation, cyber attacks, threat of climate change and terrorism.

"Nigeria has had her fair share of these crises when, amongst other vices, Boko Haram insurgents annexed 14 local governments in Borno State, in the North-East of Nigeria.

"However, on assumption of office in 2015 President Muhammadu Buhari ensured the recovery of the annexed territories. Today, Boko Haram insurgents no longer hold any territory in Nigeria," he said.

He noted that Resolutions 70/262 of the General Assembly and 2282 (2016) of the Security Council on the Review of the UN Peacebuilding Architecture addressed the UN approach to peace, focusing on prevention.

The resolutions also call for a broader concept,

which encompasses peace building, that links peace and security with development, human rights and humanitarian action.

Itegeboje said: "Nigeria is of the opinion that, while 'sustaining peace' should not be seen as an infringement on sovereignty.

"It should also not be used as a guise for the infringement on sovereignty of member states as the centrality of national and inclusive ownership of sustaining peace cannot be overemphasised.

"The emphasis on prevention is commendable and we recommend that the Peacebuilding Architecture should have, as a component, an Early Warning System that should be accompanied by an Early Action System."

Itegeboje said Nigeria had consistently been in the vanguard of supporting and participating in international efforts at conflict

has been made in enhancing civil-military relations, establishing legislative oversight on the security sector in relation to defence spending, procurement and general budgetary matters.

"Efforts have also been stepped up to create a better partnership between civilians and armed forces," the Nigerian envoy said.

He said Nigeria believed that ensuring the meaningful participation of women and girls in all areas of society was vital, adding gender equality yields greater economic growth and higher standards of living.

He added that women's participation in peacebuilding helped prevent relapse into conflict and Nigerian was addressing emerging security issues, social gaps and ensuring substantial women contributions to peacebuilding