

Boko Haram kills 200 Level UNIMAID undergraduate

Lalong expresses sadness over manner of execution

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A 200-level student of the University of Maiduguri and an indigene of Plateau State, Mr Ropvil Daciya Dalep, has been reportedly abducted and killed by Boko Haram terrorists.

The development came shortly after the chairman of the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), in the State Reverend Lawan Andimi, was killed by the same Boko Haram sect in Michika Local Government Area of Adamawa State.

In the past four months, no fewer than five Plateau State indigenes have been abducted and murdered by the sect on Maiduguri roads.

In October last year, two Plateau youths were kidnapped at a construction site in Borno State and later killed. One Lillian Gyang is still in their custody, including George Dan Baba, while an aid worker, Jennifer Ukambong, who was

abducted along with three others, was released just last week.

A source close to Ropvil Daciya's family in Jos, the state capital, told the *Nigerian Tribune* that the parents and relatives of the deceased were on Tuesday confronted with the gory video released by Boko Haram on the killing of their son.

The source disclosed that Daciya a student of Biology Education at the University of Maiduguri, was abducted by Boko Haram along with Lillian Gyang a 100 student of Zoology of the same university while returning to school on January 9.

He disclosed that the video released by the Boko Haram depicted the gruesome murder of Daciya but said Lillian Gyang was still in their custody.

A statement issued by Daciya's tribal association, Mopun Nation, signed by its publicity secretary, Mr Kenzy Ngupar, condemned the kill-

ing and called on the government to step up practical efforts to address the growing menace in the country.

"Today we received with deep shock in our hearts the second most brutal execution of a young and vibrant Plateau boy with a great future, Mr Ropvil Daciya Dalep, by Boko Haram terrorists," the association said.

Reacting to the killing, a member representing Mangu/Bokkos federal constituency of Plateau State, Honourable Solomon Marren, in a statement described the act as barbaric, inhuman and high level wickedness against humanity.

"My heart bled and tears ran down my cheeks when I saw the video clip of a teenage boy killing his fellow brother.

"What pains more is that last year October 2019, we watched the execution video of our beloved brothers, Mr Lawrence Duna Dacighir and Godfrey Ali Shikagham, both

carpenters from Mangu Local Government Area.

Meanwhile, Governor Simon Lalong of Plateau State has expressed deep sadness over the distressing video allegedly released by the Islamic State in West Africa Province showing the scene of the execution of Ropvil Daciya Dalep.

Reacting to the video of Daciya's alleged execution, Lalong described the heinous act as one capable of whipping up sentiments and leading to perceived hatred for people based on religion and origin.

Lalong said the narrative of the terrorists must never be allowed to fester and cause disharmony among Nigerians as the doctrine of the infamous group is not only misplaced but clearly a merchandise of evil.

Lalong commiserated with the family of Daciya and assured them of the support of the state government in this time of great distress.