## Boko Haram: Plateau indigenes no longer safe in Borno, Ropvil's father cries out

Reps member alleges interrogational conspiracy Fish out killers, family of Ropvil urges FG

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HE family of Ropvil Daciya Dalep the 200-Level student of the University of Maiduguri, Borno State, who was murdered by Boko Haram, has made a passionate appeal to the Federal Government not to treat the statement that their son was killed in revenge for what Plateau had done to their forefathers with levity.

This is just as member representing Pankshin, Kanke and Kanam Federal Con-

stituency of Plateau State, Honourable Yusuf Gardi, has alleged international conspiracy in the fight against insurgents in the North-East.

Addressing newsmen Jos, the state capital, the father of the deceased Daciya, along with other family members, said the statements uttered by the eight-year-old-boy that he was asked to shoot Ropvil in the video released by Boko Haram was touchy, adding that the import of the statement was that Plateau State indigenes were no longer safe in Borno State.

"The family has nothing to say than to thank God and also to appeal to the government because the statement that was made in the video is touching. If an eight-year-old child can tell the whole world that they are revenging what Plateau had done to their fathers, and which I don't know and which I have never heard of is touching.

"I am sure the eight-yearold boy cannot say that he must have been briefed by some elderly people. We are in the last days; we are not provoking anybody but our prayer as a family is that God should touch the hearts of our leader otherwise, all our people from Plateau State might not be able to travel to any part of Borno State."

He said the statement in the video clearly showed that no Plateau person is safe in Borno State, and therefore called on both the state and Federal Government to wade into the situation.

In his address the national president of Mopun Cultural Development Association, Chief Pedro Ardiwel, said the ethnic group and the entire Plateau indigenes cannot be intimidated, calling on the government to step up efforts to ensure the safety of all Nigerians wherever they are residing.

Speaking further, Gardi alleged that some international organisations in the North-East have direct link with the insurgents and secretly aiding their heinous activities and giving logistics supports.

Gardi, who is also the House Committee Chairman on Navy, while addressing newsmen in Jos, also admitted that the dearth of sophisticated technology and weaponry to prosecute the war against terrorism, as well as international conspiracies, explained the reason the insurgency had continued to fester.

Meanwhile, family of Daciya has urged the Federal Government to fish out the killers of their son.

The head of the family, Da David Daciya, made the call at a news conference in Jos on Thursday, saying such move would bring succour to the bereaved family and others involved.

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