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## Outrage over Baga, Borno State massacre

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**Nigerian soldiers**  
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There was public outrage on Tuesday over the massacre of no fewer than 185 people during a clash on Saturday between the militant Islamic sect, Boko Haram and the Multinational Joint Task Force in Baga, Borno State.

The condemnation came from the National Assembly, the Northern Elders Forum, the Action Congress of Nigeria, the Congress for Progressive Change and Spain.

While members of the Senate decided after hearing a motion on the clash to probe the killings, lawmakers in the House called for a judicial commission of inquiry.

In Kaduna, the Northern Elders Forum, after its meeting with the Arewa Consultative Forum, feared that the massacre could threaten the planned amnesty for Boko Haram members.

Immediately after hearing a motion by Maina Lawan, President of the Senate, David Mark, directed the Committees on Defence, Police and National Security and Intelligence to probe the allegations that most of the victims were civilians. The committees are to report back in two weeks.

Mark did not allow the motion to be debated on the grounds of security implications and the sensitive nature of the matter.

He said, "There are standard rules of engagement and that do not include mass and extrajudicial killings. The level of death is just too high and we cannot accept that."

Maina had in his motion, said that Baga which is his hometown, was in ruins following the onslaught.

He said, "My hometown of Baga is today in ruins, with 180 to 200 human lives lost and numerous others unaccounted for. About 2000 homes, 62 cars and 284 motorcycles and tons and tons of foodstuff were also destroyed.

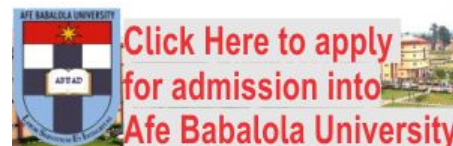
"At this stage, I do not want to immerse myself in the blame game of whether it is the multinational task force or not. The task force or the insurgents carried out the atrocities that bear the hallmark of the Odi massacre.

"Whoever did it, that level of atrocity is condemnable and is hereby condemned. I call for a full scale investigation to unearth the truth as this has become a recurring decimal in all such past instances in Borno State."

Lawan told journalists after plenary that there was no contesting the fact that the insurgents attacked members of the task force.

"It is true that the insurgents provoked the event. One soldier was shot, but the military went back and came back reinforced and Baga was levelled," the lawmaker said.

He said the killing of innocent people over the action of a few miscreants was unfair.



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In the House, members passed a resolution asking President Goodluck Jonathan to set up a commission of inquiry to investigate the clash.

A lawmaker from Borno State, Mr. Mohammed Mungono, told the House that about 195 civilians and one soldier were killed in the incident.

He informed his colleagues that trouble started when Boko Haram members attacked the soldiers and then infiltrated civilian population.

According to him, in an attempt to retaliate, the soldiers fired in whatever direction the attackers ran to, killing non-sect members in the process.

He noted that while the soldiers were in Borno State to provide security, the aim could be defeated if they were "not professional" in the manner they conducted their operations.

The lawmakers then observed a minute's silence in honour of the dead and adopted the prayers of Mungono, calling for a judicial commission to investigate the killings.

But, there was a mild drama when another prayer asking the House to send a delegation to commiserate with the families of the victims, elicited murmurs of rejection from members.

Speaker Aminu Tambuwal had suggested that the Deputy House Leader, Mr. Leo Ogor, would lead the delegation.

In Kaduna, the Northern Elders Forum which like the House members called for a commission of inquiry instead of probe as promised by President Goodluck Jonathan, said the killings were highly uncalled for.

Its spokesman, Prof. Ango Abdullahi, said the latest onslaught cast doubt on the planned amnesty for members of Boko Haram.

According to him, an allegation that a soldier was killed could not have warranted the Army to wipe out an entire community.

He said, "We advised against it much earlier than now. The fact that the President is saying there should be a probe means he is not saying more than he had said before. There have been so many people who were mercilessly killed in their sleep and their houses ransacked in the name of searching for Boko Haram members.

"This certainly is not the way an operation like this should be conducted. That is why we believe the President need not order a probe. We need a judicial commission of inquiry to unravel what has happened in Baga. The commission of inquiry should have expanded terms of reference for people to come before it to raise issues that have been happening in Borno and Yobe states."

Abdullahi said the National Executive Committee of the ACF and NEF to deliberate on the state of the nation.

He said, "We elders of the North came to ACF to exchange ideas and views on the state of the nation generally and the state of the north in particular. Most of these soldiers that are posted to these areas (Yobe and Borno states) are not only raw as soldiers, but they are coming from totally different backgrounds. ACF Publicity Secretary, Anthony Sani, said the forum would meet today (Wednesday) over the Baga killings.

The Commander of the MNJTF, Brig.- Gen. Austin Edokpaye, has however claimed that only six civilians were killed and not the 185 widely reported by the media on Monday.

Edokpaye, in a three-paragraph statement he sent to journalists in Maiduguri, also said that 30 thatch houses were burnt as against 2,000 which Baga residents told Borno State Governor, Kashim Shettima, when he visited the community.

Edokpaye said the troops killed 30 Boko Haram gunmen and arrested five others. According to him, a soldier died and five others sustained injuries.

He said "Contrary to media speculation that hundreds of houses were burnt, instead, it was the explosion from Boko Haram terrorists' rocket propelled grenade bombs, anti-aircraft guns and sophisticated IED materials that triggered fire to about 30 thatch houses in the predominantly fishing community."

He also said that three rocket propelled grenade launchers, two rocket propelled grenade bombs; four AK 47 rifles, 435 assorted ammunitions, seven quantities of IED material, and three Toyota Land Cruisers, were recovered from the sect members.

The Borno State Government said on Tuesday that 'over 100 people' were killed.

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In Lagos, the ACN criticised the Federal Government's handling of the killings, calling it slow and disrespectful to the sanctity of human lives

The party, in a statement by its National Publicity Secretary, Alhaji Lai Mohammed, said the security agencies must respect the relevant rules of engagement in their onslaught against the sect.

This, it added, was necessary in order to spare the lives and property of innocent civilians.

The party said it hoped that the probe ordered into the tragedy by President Goodluck Jonathan would not be another window dressing.

Also, the CPC said it was outraged by what it called the wanton destruction of lives and property in Baga.

Its National Publicity Secretary, Rotimi Fashakin, noted in a statement that the attendant ecological disruption and huge humanitarian calamity had attracted so much attention.

But Spain condemned the clash and expressed worry about weapons used by the group to fight soldiers.

A statement made available by its Embassy in Abuja, reads, "Spain expresses its serious concern on the use on this occasion of heavy artillery which indicates a qualitative increase in the escalation of tension on the part of the insurgents causing at the time more damage and pain among the population.

"Spain expresses its solidarity and support to the victims and their families and hopes that those responsible for these terrorist attacks are brought to justice according to the law.

"In the same vein Spain supports the Nigerian government in its flight against the terrorist challenge and maintains its commitment to the flight against any form of terrorism."

Meanwhile, the National Human Rights Commission has said that it will discuss the Baga killings on Thursday and Friday.

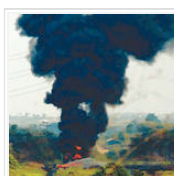
The killings, it said, would be among activities and events its board would review.

The two-day meeting will be attended by the 12 members of the board which has the Executive Secretary of the Commission, Prof. Bem Angwe, as secretary.

Confirming the meeting, the NHRC Board Chairman, Prof. Chidi Odinkalu, said, "It is true we are meeting on Thursday and Friday. We will come up with a position on that day".



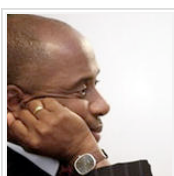
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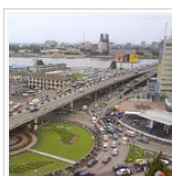
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**Taju Lawal** • 3 months ago

The following items were recovered: "Three Rocket-Propelled Grenade Launchers, two Rocket-Propelled Grenade Bombs, four AK 47 rifles, 435 assorted ammunition, several quantities of IED materials, while three Land Cruiser Vehicles of the terrorists were damaged".

I Rest my case but before i do .....i would like to say THANK YOU to the officers that were involved." "with your efforts nigeria go better"

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**Israel** → Taju Lawal • 3 months ago

Foremost, I wish to correct punch, there is no public outcry against officers who have done wonderful jobs; the cry is only coming from Liar Muhammed- the cronic town crier and the leaders of Boko Haram in the National Assembly and the North. Primarily I wish to thank the army officers for a job well done and the TRUE AND LIVING GOD for turning those agents of Satan against each other as they help to destroy and level themselves with their own weapons, the army officers only ensures it does not escalate and also confiscate their weapons after Boko Haram finish levelling their own camp and training village, the army did not kill anyone, once again; 1000 SALUTE TO THOSE EXTREME PATRIOTIC OFFICERS. When Churches are bombed and Christians are killed, Jubril Aminu never say a single word, can you see how wicked Muslims are?, furthermore, no commission of enquiry was requested to be set up but now that the training camp of Boko Haram is levelled by Boko Haram, they are accusing our wonderful officers and crying for commission. MORE DAMNING CALAMITIES ARE COMING UPON THE NORTH AND MUSLIMS WORLDWIDE.

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**Abdul** → Israel • 3 months ago

@Israel

, why are you so sick and self centered to the extend that you cannot differentiate btw right and wrong ? I have never see any sense in your comment that will give me chance to equate to that of fish .

Cant you for a second think about those that lost their family member to brutal killing by BH and JTF . More than 180 people and you see no sense in condemning such barbaric and callous attitude . The only thing you keep on saying is that Christian were being killed by BH and Muslim should equally suffered. How can you take life of innocent people for sin committed by somebody else ?

Also, Are you now saying Muslim were not affected by BH senseless killing and what give you assurance that christian were not affected by JTF massacre carried out in Bama ?

No reasonable human being will commend or praise such brutal killing from BH and JTF and i say again that such senseless killing will never happen in a civilize society .

I will advice you to move outside your domain (uncivilized society )



I will advice you to move outside your domain (civilized society) and join community of people that are using their brain to think before commenting or posting in public forum .

Also , if you are planning to respond to my comment , i will advice you to back up your argument with bible verse that support such brutal and unjust killing of innocent people . Leave a message...

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**zakari** → Abdul • 3 months ago

In this kind of war, the rules of the game changes my friend. you don't Wait to be killed before you engage. if the soldiers had not engaged then we would have lost more soldiers. why for Allah sake will the Civilians allow the BH to come into their community with the capacity of armoury they came with without informing the authority. To the extent of killing a Nigerian soldier. They waited for the he havoc has been done before people are crying foul. Common, lets face facts and not politicise it.

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**Israel** → Abdul • 3 months ago

As much as I will not join issue with your senseless posting; I have just these few words for you: Where were people like you when Christians are murdered by Muslims?. Are you saying the army officers should fold their arms while the are being massacred by BH members?. Are you not knowledgeable enough to know that when you give tacit approval of crime in any form you are equally guilty?. As per Bible verses go and do the searching by yourself as you do not serve that from me. I am not sure your parents are more civilized than me or have equal international exposure as me nor have they ever travel wide as I am nor ever attain my status. I give my precious time in the last few months to posting on things that affects Christians and the Yoruba race and if you have followed my line of posting, my position has been consistence and 1M of your dullard head cannot change that.

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**NIGERIAN** → Israel • 3 months ago

I'm a xtian but u're a heartless fool....JTF must have killed innocent woman and children...Xtians and Muslims alike...or ur gutter foolishness makes u think Bada is a muslim only community...Devilish Idiot!

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**Axeman777** → NIGERIAN • 3 months ago

JTF eliminated boko haramists, chadian and malian rebels

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**mikkyduff** → NIGERIAN • 3 months ago

Pour your anger on demented Sheikh Abubakar Shekau, the Huge Frankenstein your Political Elites unleashed on the land wreaking havoc in the north. The Prof Ango Abdulahi, Dr. Junaid Mohammed, Senile Adamu Ciroma, Hawkish Lawal Keita, Ahmed Datti, Mallam Shehu Sani et al should not be spared your diatribes and invectives

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**Alexander Okorie** → mikkyduff • 3 months ago

Gentlemen the situation does not call for verbal wars.The truth of the matter is that in this country the respect for life does not mean anything especially when it involves someone else.If every religion practice the believe 'Do to others what you would like

religion practice the believe "do to others what you would like them do to you", we will not be hunting ourselves like animals. If only these men who are crying woos now had felt concerned by the activities of the insurgent (BH) right from inception the matter would not have escalated to these level. While I sympathise with the families that lost their beloved members both soldiers and the innocent Baga community, I wish to state that enquiry or whatever is not the solution. The B/H are not ghost they live among the people we cannot deny that. Let those who can reach them, who know their grievances be bold enough to bring their case before Nigerians just like the case of Nigerdelta

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**Efe1** → mikkyduff • 3 months ago

How about GEJ?

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**baba** → NIGERIAN • 3 months ago

Israel is sick.

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**Abdul** → Israel • 3 months ago

How can you try to equate or match your status with mine . We are incomparable in terms of local and international exposure .Even when talking of those that are well blessed with IQ , you are no where to be found .

I only ask you to support your argument with bible verse (unjust killing ) if truly you are defending christian or Jesus Christ .However , bcos of your retarded brain you started making empty noise about your status or personality .I wonder whether you have a DESCENT FAMILY that can stand head to toe not head to head with mine .However , i will not like to join issue with your family for me not to fall victim of the same crime committed by JTF and BH .

It is better for you to start apologizing to generality of Nigerian on this platform bcos some people have started raining curses on you. So , there is no need for me to waste my time in responding to your stupid and callous comment .

HOW ARE YOU GOING TO SURVIVE THE CALAMITY THAT IS ABOUT TO BEFALL YOU NOW ?TO ASSIST YOU , I WILL SUGGEST THAT YOU SHOULD APOLOGIZE TO PASTOR OSHIOBUGE AND OTHERS.

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**Axeman777** → Abdul • 3 months ago

My friend, shut ur trap if u don't have any useful thing 2 say.

M-O-R-O-N

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**mikkyduff** → Abdul • 3 months ago

What has your status got to do with the discourse at hand? After all, your Sultan of Sokoto, Alhaji Abubakar Sa'adu III canvassed a ridiculous Unmerited Amnesty for Mindless Cold Blooded Murderers.

As proof of the revered Sultan not able to reach or influence the demented Blood Hound Shekau, the latter rebuffed and utterly rejected the Programme

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**Israel** → Abdul • 3 months ago



Israel → Abdul • 3 months ago

The pronouncement I made on the pastor becomes you portion, mark it, you have collided with the rock and you are already shattered as egg, mark will become of your from this moment, within 30days from now you will tell the story.

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uche → Israel • 3 months ago

Idiot!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Igoh → Israel • 3 months ago

shut your trap up and listen to the wise man that is better than you in all ramification. If you are areal xstian as you claimed, you would not have been posting stupid and irrelevant comment here. You are even worse than the so called BH. animal given 30 days to a real and well advance human being to tell the story. Which story?? Story my foot. I'm waiting for your stupid reply if you have liver. Anofhia Bush animal.

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mikkyduff → Abdul • 3 months ago

The Christian God is a God of Justice and of Truth. He also exhorts his faithfuls to eschew bitterness for vengeance is Mine say God almighty. Nobody is fighting for God or his son Jesus Christ our Lord. God almighty is able and capable of defending himself.

Take an instance: Giant Goliath of the Philistine desecrated the Holy one of Israel as he defied his army under King Saul. It took a ruddy shepherd Boy David armed with five pebbles and a sling to bring the Loud Mouth Philistine to the dust. King Sennacherib laid siege on Judah threatening Zedekiah to surrender his kingdom. The Jewish King made entreaties to God Almighty. That very night, a single angel of death visited the camp of the arrogant king and decimated his men of valour - over 200,000. A rumour of Ethiopian invasion of Syria also forced the marauding king to return to his home land only to be killed by his two sons. Do not defy the Lord of Host, the Holy One of Israel

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jack → mikkyduff • 3 months ago

always come here please. you took me back to forgotten history.

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E.J → Abdul • 3 months ago

Israel is just an empty vessel. don't waste ur tym replying him.

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Paul C. Nnagoziec → Abdul • 3 months ago

take it easy. things does not happen just that way

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Dehinde → Israel • 3 months ago

Sorry oh mr Isreal or syria,pls did any yoruba asked you to comment on their behalf as you're one of their critics on this forum.go away mr defender.

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JIMHAS → Dehinde • 3 months ago

I think what NIGERIAN said is correct. Alot of people think the North is made up of muslims only.. Zaria has indigenous christians, Southern Kaduna is also there. Others states who

have indigenous christians include Zamfara, Kano, Katsina, Sokoto, Adamawa, Borno, Jigawa, Bauchi Taraba and many more. Plateau, Kogi and Benue have majority as christians and are better referred to as "Middle Belters" and not Northern states. This information is necessary to educate those who think these states are all muslims.

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**AnayorOffor** → JIMHAS • 3 months ago

You're right.

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**Abidemi Dosunmu** → Israel • 3 months ago

My goodness! Not only are u a religious bigot u are also a damn arrogant being. What status av u attained that no other person hasn't attained before u?

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**White Justice** → Israel • 3 months ago

ISRAEL I am sorry to say u are one of Nigeria biggest problem. u are not a christian and have no spirit of God in u...

Nigeria! it is time to pray

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**mikkyduff** → White Justice • 3 months ago

How many empathy did you share with the families of the innumerable bomb blasts thrown by the Mindless Cold Blooded Killers tagged Boko Haram bloody aboki?

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**Abidemi Dosunmu** → mikkyduff • 3 months ago

Mikkyduff Muslims on this forum try as much as possible to condemn the activities of this evil but you Christians are not well disposed with, though I wonder what else you would av wanted us to do! Without any hint of sarcasm on my part, could you please enlighten us as to the origin of this BH menace. My belief is that this BH people couldn't have just woken up in the morning and start this madness. What do u think happened to prompt this incessant attacks? I am hoping you enlighten me and not abuse me or my religion! Let's try as much as possible to leave religion apart for now and teach ourselves. Thanks bro.

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**Angryman** → Abidemi Dosunmu • 3 months ago

Sorry to come in here

There is a portion mikkyduff did not address

What he was referring to as having being hijacked is the islamization of Nigeria

From what we learnt , this criminals started as Taliban during OBJ reign when sharia was broadened [unconstitutionally] by the northern states

But the resultant sharia was not the type they anticipated

They therefore yearned for the real sharia

In order to realize this they attacked and sacked Police stations ; Police barracks [killing whoever they could lay hands on] ; destroyed government properties all in a bid to establish their dream sharia



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**Efe1** → Angryman • 3 months ago

With obj and PDP full cooperation. The foolish xtains which includes me did not see how this could go out of hand. Now we are blaming every Muslims for the greed of our soon to die politicians. Religion is definitely politics. Ban religion i will say.

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**growthengine** → Efe1 • 3 months ago

OBJ and PDP have nothing to do with this horror movie. Can you not see that it has an international dimension. America offered training and intelligence to African countries with the knowledge that Alqaeda will spread to Africa, but our proud and empty leaders turned it down. Chad, Niger and some other Africans took it, they are better prepared and safer for it. Fighting each other will not help. Our leaders are not cooperating with terrorists, but perhaps should have listened and accepted help before now, it would not have hurt to get extra training and help from the US. It was for this that America said we may split, because Boko haram would incite north versus south and christians versus moslems, we are playing right into their hands

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**Efe1** → growthengine • 3 months ago

Please tell us what is the difference between our leaders, OBJ and PDP. They are the same. And please what training is America offering? Can you give what you don't have? Give an example where America has prevailed over the so called terrorist which by the way they created and are still creating like they are doing actively in Syria right now. The Americans are calling for negotiation with the Taliban right now in Afghanistan after more than 10 years of bloodshed. Equity and justice is the way out. Let people guide themselves by whatever law they want as long as they don't infringe of others right. You can't impose you way on others.

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**Efe1** → growthengine • 3 months ago

Rubbish

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**growthengine** → Efe1 • 3 months ago

Keep blaming pdp and obj, until your throat is sliced by boko haram before you know who your enemy is, it'll be too late then

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**Efe1** → growthengine • 3 months ago

Who should we blame? Have hesrd what kingsley kuku said about gej not been elected for a second term in 2015. He said it to the american senate. We are seriously in trouble with this gej of a man.

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**Ayo.The Real Nigerian** → Efe1 • 3 months ago

You are the only foolish one

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**Efe1** → Ayo.The Real Nigerian • 3 months ago

Ostrich

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**Ayo.The Real Nigerian** → Angryman • 3 months ago

Thank you for taking time to expatiate on that...we are following the episodes of events, we also know that they got sponsorships from middle east where peace has been lost due to fanaticism.

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**Abidemi Dosunmu** → Angryman • 3 months ago

I really do appreciate ur response my brother. Having said that let me say categorically that Nigeria of today is a secular state with different religion and no one religion can force its own principles on other religion. It's unfortunate we are where we are now. But I still maintain and stand by it that Islam doesnt preach violence. We have Muslims in SW, SE, SS and Infact all over Nigeria. Why is it that it's only in North we av this problem? That is why I always maintain that one should be able to draw a line between the teachings of Islam and individual character or behaviour. I thlnk another issue here is the illiteracy level up North. Mind u, it is not everybody in the North that belongs to this dreaded sect!

We will, in our own little way, continue to condemn this act of murder by this murderous group and also lend our voice that it is not possible for anybody to islamize Nigeria.

If it was the will of Allah, He would have made the whole universe as one: having just one language, one color, one culture and above all one religion! If God could differentiate us, then who is the person that will take it upon himself to make us 'one'? Remain blessed my brother

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**Alexander Okorie** → Abidemi Dosunmu • 3 months ago

Yes Abidemi Ido know the voice of Southern Musilems are always different unlike the North who thinks they are God for others and that is why they do not believe that anything good can come from others

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**Axeman777** → Abidemi Dosunmu • 3 months ago

Boko haram was initiated by your northern politicians in Borno state as ECOMOG.

Go and ask ur northern overlords

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**Israel** → Axeman777 • 3 months ago

Jamaatu Nasril Islam have conspired and instigated several havoc and killing against Christians in Nigeria in the last 50 years, they only change name or graduate from one grade to another, among which is mitasine etc, so it did not start with Boko Haram, most of the people posting now are small boys who do not want to go into history of Islamic evil and satanic attack on the Church in Nigeria.

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**mikkyduff** → Abidemi Dosunmu • 3 months ago

My brother, the issue is that demented Sheikh Abubakar Shekau unleashed to wreak havoc on the land to make it ungovernable for President GEJ has turned out to be huge Frankenstein beyond the reach and control of his former mentors. The international Terrorists like Al Qaeda of the Maghreb and Al Shabab of Somalia have successfully hijack his struggles.

Obstacles all day for a constituted authority in the north were

Shekau's disdain for constituted authority in the north were manifested in the assassinated attempt on the lives of Emir of Kano Alhaji Ado Bayero and Emir of Fika in Yobe State. Sultan of Sokoto, Alhaji sa'Adu Abubakar III's call for Unmerited Amnesty for Mindless Cold Blooded Mass Murderers is not only ridiculous but stemmed from fear of the Blood Hounds

If Shekau could be prevailed upon to lay down his deadly cargo of arms and suicide bombers, peace shall return to the troubled north.

No more no less

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**Abidemi Dosunmu** → mikkyduff • 3 months ago

I really do concur with ur submission. In as much as I personally do not agree to any amnesty for this group, what else do u think can be done to pacify this group? All we want is peace and like I posted once on this forum, if any of my loved ones or even myself were to have been a victim, how would I feel? My brother I want to view this amnesty of an issue as a 'reversed amnesty'. Reversed in the sense that the amnesty is not for the group per se but for the would-be victims of the murderous group. The would-be victims are helpless because they can not be protected by the govt but will if the amnesty is accepted by this group! The watchword is peace! Unless of course there is another means of achieving it.

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**Gambo** → Abdul • 3 months ago

When bh attacked mosques, churches and motor park a lot of people died, and we Muslims said that we did not send them because we do not understand what they are fighting for. Muslims cannot engage in a war that they can never win. In all these unprovoked assault of bh on innocent worshipers and travelers, what was the bh rule of engagement. If any innocent person died in this latest bh attack and counter attack of the Nigerian Military that would not be the first time an innocent person is dying in this country. What happened in the death of those previous innocent persons would also happen in this latest one. The so called Northern Muslims and leaders that are crying foul this time are the people who have always supported the killing of innocent people for no due course. After all Muslims believe that death is ordained. Somebody has rightly said that it is the will of Allah, so why should the living worry themselves over the will of Allah. However, the attack of innocent people in the churches, mosque and motor park were never the will of Allah, it is only this Baga killings by bh and counter attack by the military that correctly represent the will of Allah. Let us allow what Allah has willed to remain.

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**Tom** → Abdul • 3 months ago

Shot up did you post any comment on Xmas day attack by boko haram?.....lol M.E.N.D will soon start dia own on boko haram.

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**rock** → Abdul • 3 months ago

I do not agree with Isreal, neither do I agree with you. In remarking about this incident first we must realise that the figures that are been presented as casualties are still up in the air and no correct figure as been established. Furthermore, it is important that we note that boko haram is fighting a guerilla warfare.. hit and run. In afghanistan, Iran, Vietnam anywhere

there is no way to find this. I am surprised that a national

there is insurgency you find this. I am amazed that a retired general like David mark should say "rules of engagement" maybe he should help us by defining that in such a scenerio. If a community allows itself to be used as a staging area for insurgents, when the bullets start flying it will not recognise them. The soldiers did what they have to do, maybe superior and quality training will have allowed the officer on ground to seperate the fog of war maybe not we can not say. However, anybody pointing accusing finger at the soldiers will have to carry a gun and be receiving fire that he can not determine if it's friend or foe! May the souls of the innocent people rest in peace. We should not play politics with dead people, Lai Mohammed et al caution... this are serious matters! For those that view issues tribally and religiously I think you people need to grow and be more assertive with your remarks and not delude to irrationality.

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**Sheikh** → Abdul • 3 months ago

Baga is ground zero for BH. I enjoin and encourage JTF for their professionalism . Abdul, you may pretend to know that BH is after church and non-Hausas. They do not need amnesty but annihilation which JTF is summing courage to deliver. Why should Baga community allow insurgents to diffuse into the population after attacking law enforcement officers? They deserve more than that. Kudos to JTF. May God bless you. BH does not need amnesty, their sponsors and sympathizers are all evil with one intention.

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**E.J** → Abdul • 3 months ago

Israel has stopped thinking, please stop replying him.

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**growthengine** → Abdul • 3 months ago

You have a point. We are in very difficult times as a nation people. The soldiers also have a very difficult job engaging terrorists. My prayer was always for this terror like in Afghan and Pakistan Iraq, to never get to our country, but it is here, and we have to fight it. What other option did the soldiers have. They were attacked with RPGs, we all know how RPGs cause wide destruction. If you are attacked with RPGs, I think you have to respond with same, causing destruction on both sides. It is also difficult to ask under those circumstances who is terrorist and who is civilian after the shots were fired. I pray for the soul of those civilians who died. All those who have died Christian Muslim have died for the sake of this otherwise great African country. We have so much promise and wealth, but we are always crying and suffering

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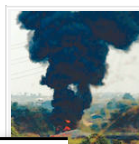
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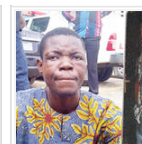
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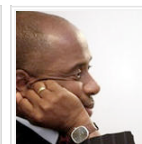
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