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UNIUYO crisis

A non-governmental organisation, Coordinating Centre for Human Rights, has called for the immediate sacking of the Commissioner of Police in Akwa Ibom State, Mr. Umar Gwadabe.

The group also canvassed a review in the University of Uyo leadership structure.

The CCHR request came on the heels of the recent violent students' demonstration in the university. The crisis resulted in the death of two students and the destruction of many offices, including that of the institution's vice-chancellor.

In a statement by the Convener, Mr. Innih Archibong, and the Secretary, Mr. Muhammed Hussain, on Thursday, the group also demanded an inquiry into the causes of the incident with a view to sanctioning those responsible for the destruction.

Banker jailed

JUSTICE Bello Lawal of the Kaduna State High Court, Zaria on Wednesday sentenced a banker, David Gwani, to six months imprisonment.

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission dragged the accused before the court.

He was arraigned on two counts of theft.

The accused, an employee of United Bank for Africa, Samaru branch, Zaria, used his position to suppress the

PRESIDENT Jonathan says events in Borno and Adamawa states confirmed his belief that religion is not the cause of insurgencies in the north-east.

Jonathan, who spoke at a Thursday during the session of a meeting of the Honorary International Council led by Barack Obama at the Villa, Abuja, also attributed the insecurity in the north-east to the activities of "international backed terror groups".

He said, "The security is quite good. We are trying our best. We are aware of the danger of state of emergency".



•L-R: President Jonathan, Vice President Goodluck Jonathan, and other officials at the Villa, Abuja.

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During the association's 2013 summit, in

by a participant that every government official was corrupt, Ezekwesili said, "It is a false premise to conclude that we are all corrupt. My goodness, I was in government (and) I was not corrupt. I am ready to go anywhere on this matter." She added, "I was not corrupt. So, I cannot be in a room and then somebody says we are all corrupt. When you define a context wrongly, you fail."

Ezekwesili served as Minister of Solid Minerals and then as Minister of Education under former President Olusegun Obasanjo.

She argued that she was a victim of corruption and should not be grouped among corrupt politicians.

She said, "How can you possibly say that some of the victims of corruption are corrupt. They will say to you, so after paying the cost and consequence of corruption, you also group me among those who created the situation?"

"That is a wrong definition of context of corruption, but it is something that the corrupt have cleverly created. It is their narrative and it is a narrative that makes you reduce your capacity to take on the issue."

Rabode said the Commissioner of Police, Mr. Agboola Oshodi-Glover, summoned the monarchs to a meeting during which he urged them to maintain the peace and order.

The PPRO added that the command had deployed more of its officers in the communities to prevent the escalation of hostilities.

He warned that the command would not condone any act of lawlessness and breach of peace.

He added, "Our responsibility is to ensure the protection of lives and properties."

"It is the same issue that made the CP to summon the royal fathers of Gannu and Ganna for a peace meeting and called on them to maintain law and order."

Our correspondent learnt that the people of Gannu and Ganna had engaged in supremacy tussle over the Onigamo stool for some years now.

The Secretary of the State Government, Sola Gold, noted that issues surrounding the disputed Onigamo stool remained suspended until the determination of all cases in the courts.