

# Fresh tension in Jos as suspected soldiers kill woman, injure another

Friday Olorok, Jos

Residents of Fwapwa Doi village in Jos South Local Government Area, Plateau State, have been thrown into mourning following the killing of a 35-year-old woman, Sarah Nyam, by men suspected to be soldiers.

Another victim – said to be seriously wounded by a gunshot and rushed to the hospital – was said to be in a critical condition.

The incident took place barely three days after the military handed over to the police, for further investigation and prosecution, 13 suspects in connection with the disappearance of a former Chief of Administration of the Nigerian Army, Maj. Gen. Mohammed Alkali (retd.).

Sources in the village said the latest incident, which happened on Thursday night, had spread panic among the residents.

But several calls, SMS and WhatsApp messages to the spokesperson for the Special Military Task Force, codenamed Operation Safe Haven, Major Umar Adams, were not replied.

The Commander of the OPHS, Maj. Gen. Augustine Agundu, had earlier warned our correspondent not to call him again.

Saturday PUNCH learnt that Doi village is about 10 minutes drive to Lapamde village to Doi as result of harassment of the military on a daily basis. But just yesterday (Thursday) around 7:35pm, she was shot dead.

“You can see the gunshot wounds on her body and the wall of the house. We have five children and now I am left alone with them. We don’t know what we did to deserve this.”

“Since the discovery of the missing army general’s car in Dura Du pond, those of us here in Doi cannot sleep and we don’t know our own crime.”

The village head of Doi community, Da Michael Gyang, said the community had been humiliated by the military without any crime.

He said, “Three days ago around 3am, soldiers came to the village here in Doi, blocked all the roads linking Doi with other hamlets here. They stopped people from accessing their homes, they bungled every shop here, ate our chicken, stole goats, and ransacked our homes.”

“Our schools have been closed down as a result of the ugly activities of the military here. We don’t know what our crime is, our children no longer go to school. We urge the government to take the military away from our domain.”

“Why are they killing us? What did we do? If they are really trained military, why are they destroying peoples’ homes, shops and taking our



•L-R: Former Minister of Power, Prof. Barth Nnaji; Managing Director, Nigeria LNG Ltd., Mr Tony Attah; winner of Nigeria Prize for Science award, Dr. Peter Ngene; Chairman, Board of Directors, NLNG, Dr. Osobonye Longjohn; Deputy Managing Director, Nigeria LNG Limited, Mr. Sadeeq Mai-Bornu, during the 2018 Nigeria Prize for Science and Literature Awards, organised by NLNG Ltd., in Lagos... on Friday. Photo: Stanley Ogidi

## Account for N500bn allocation, PDP candidate tells Niger govt

Enyioha Opara, Minna

The governorship candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party in Niger State, Umar Nasko, has accused the All Progressives Congress-led administration in the state of spending N500bn in the last three years without anything to show for it.

Nasko, in an interview

point to a single project worth N5bn in the state.

Nasko lamented that despite the huge allocations, the Bello administration still had a debt profile of N100bn.

The governorship candidate stated that while hospitals, schools and other infrastructural projects were begging for attention in the state, the state government expended about N2bn on building a fence around

account for over N50bn bailout and Paris Club refund, which he alleged had gone into private pockets.

He lamented the deplorable condition of roads in the state, wondering why the state government had yet to fix the 84-kilometre Minna-Bida road and the 94-kilometre Minna-Suleja road, which he said had claimed many lives in

correspondent to the state Commissioner for Finance (Zakari Abubakar), who was not available for comment on the matter as of the time of filing this report.

However, Salau said the state government had intervened in constructing the federal road from Minna-Suleja while contract for the reconstruction of the Minna-Bida road had