

## news

## Indigenes, MACBAN trade blame as 13 killed in Plateau clash

James Abraham, Jos

NO fewer than 13 people have been killed and 20 injured during clashes in some communities in the Bassa Local Government Area of Plateau State. The PUNCH gathered that during the attacks and counter attacks, which involved Irigwe youths in Miango community and Fulani militias, over 200 houses were burnt.

The National President of the Irigwe Development Association, Mr Ezekiel Bini, who confirmed the attacks to our correspondent in Jos on Sunday, said over 22,000 of his people were displaced following the violence, which started on Saturday night and lasted till the early hours of Sunday.

According to him, the assailants, who organised themselves in groups, equally destroyed crops and looted household items belonging to natives before setting the houses on fire.

Bini said, "Our people are in pains following yesterday's attack by Fulani gunmen in some of our communities, including DTV, Zanwrah, Kpachudu and Kpatenvien. What we have is a humanitarian crisis in Irigwe land."

"So far, we have counted seven people that were killed and nine people who sustained gunshot injuries."

"As we speak, 275 houses were burnt down and over 22,000 people displaced, including women, children and the aged. Some of the displaced persons are currently taking refuge in neighbouring communities in Miango district, while many others have relocated to Jos."

But the state Chairman of the Miyetti Allah Cattle Breeders Association of Nigeria, Nura Muhammad, blamed the Irigwe people for the continued violence in Bassa LGA.

He said six Fulani men also lost their lives during the attack on their settlement, adding that 11 of his people were hospitalised.

Muhammad said, "What happened yesterday was that the Irigwe people mobilised their kinsmen and attacked our people in Rafin Bwauna village, a settlement mainly occupied by Muslims, Hausas and Fulanis. We tried as much as possible to inform the security agencies, but to no avail."

"We are still compiling the names of those killed. But for now, we lost six of our people, while 11 are in various hospitals."

"We condemn in totality the recent happenings in Bassa LGA. We see it as tit-for-tat madness. We are calling on the government and security agents to rise up to the challenge before the situation gets out of hand."

The lawmaker representing the Irigwe/Rukuba constituency in the Plateau House of Assembly, Mr Musa Agah, described the situation as terrible.

He alleged that the attacks were

a conspiracy by Fulani herdsmen to exterminate his people from their ancestral land.

"I have severely drawn the attention of the House to what is happening in my constituency, but our powers have been limited due to the failure of the executive arm to act according. During a recent plenary, I moved a motion of urgent public importance on the need to stop the carnage going

on in Bassa and we summoned the Commander of Operation Rainbow and other security agents, including the Permanent Secretary, Security. They all came with the exception of the permanent secretary and we have scheduled another meeting to hold tomorrow (Monday) before the latest ugly attack on our people last night."

"I spoke with the permanent

secretary and he told me that the government would deploy security to the vulnerable villages. Since the latest attack on my constituents lasted for over four hours without the presence of any security agent, it means no deployment was done."

The spokesman for the police in the state, Ubah Ogaba, said four people were killed and 50 houses burnt, adding that normalcy had

returned to the communities.

He said, "On July 31, 2021, the command received a report that there was a conflict between gunmen suspected to be Fulani militias and youths from Irigwe at Jebbu Miango, Bassa LGA of Plateau State."

"Unfortunately, 50 houses were torched and four natives shot dead. Upon receipt of the report, the tactical team of the

command was immediately deployed in the scene to tighten security in the area and to restore peace."

"The Commissioner of Police, Edward Egbuka, with other senior officers of the command visited the scene and ordered a discreet investigation to fish out the perpetrators of the dastardly act. Normalcy has been restored in that area."

## ASUU meets FG today, insists govt reneges on agreement

Grace Edema

THE Academic Union of Universities will meet with the Federal Government on Monday (today).

ASUU was supposed to meet with the FG on Friday, but the National President, Prof Emmanuel Osodeke, said the meeting was postponed by the Ministry of Labour to Monday.

He said, "The meeting was postponed by the FG; they said they were still consulting. We will be meeting them on Monday in the afternoon."

The PUNCH had reported that the union was invited by the Ministry of Labour to discuss issues surrounding the Memorandum of Action, which was signed with the FG in December 2020.

Osodeke said ASUU had

no plan to go on strike if the government would grant its requests.

He stressed that the ASUU National Executive Council would meet in August to decide the next line of action if

## Operators lament as car robbers stab FCT Uber driver to death

Solomon Odeniyi, Abuja

AN Abuja Uber driver, Akin Awojobi, has been stabbed to death by suspected car snatchers.

The slain driver, it was gathered, was attacked on Friday around the National Mosque area and died at the National hospital, Abuja on Saturday as a result of the injuries he sustained.

Colleagues of the driver could not confirm to our correspondent if he was on a trip or not.

They, however, said his assailants attacked him, left him

conscious, and left his car behind.

Abiodun Friday said, "The pilot was stabbed multiple times. He was attacked around the National Mosque on Friday night. He was lying in a pool of blood. They tried to take his car away but they didn't succeed. Motorists later rushed him to the National Hospital where he died on Saturday. His car is with the police."

"This is getting too much. Pilots are getting attacked every week. Last week, they robbed and stabbed one of us after the Wuye

Bridge towards Wonderland near the city gate, they collected his phone. It was a Good Samaritan who came out of his car with two of his brothers. The hoodlums ran away with his phone. We need the security agencies to help us. It is not safe out there for us."

The FCT command spokesperson, ASP Mariam Yusuf, when contacted said the police were investigating a case of a fatal motor accident.

She said, "On the contrary, we are investigating a case of a fatal motor accident."

Government in December 2020 had not been implemented.

"They know that University Transparency and Accountability Solution, which is the major one, has not been implemented. The revitalisation fund has not been released. They agreed that they would mainstream our earned academic allowances into the salary system in 2021. We are in August and preparing 2022 budget, yet nothing has been done. They said by December they would pay the backlog they owe our members; till now they have not paid a number of them."

"They agreed that they would review the NUC law to ensure that no government would wake up one day and be proliferating universities, they haven't gone to the National Assembly," he said.

## FOR SALE (LAGOS MAINLAND)

## OGUDU GRA (VALLEY)

Plot of land measuring 847.854 square metres at Nnamdi Okoli Street. - #90m

## GBAGADA

Block of 6 (nos) 3 bedroom flat at Light house Close, Oke Alo, Millennium Estate, Gbagada - #260m

## OWORONSHOKI

Detached open plan office building on 4 floors with CofO @ Adabale Street, Oworonshoki, Lagos - #75m.

## GOWON ESTATE

4 Bedroom wing of duplex with 2 (nos) 3 bedroom flat at the rear at Plot Jehovah Elohim street, Gowon Estate, Ipaja, Lagos. - #70m

## OJODU

1.663 Acre of land measuring 6,731,999m<sup>2</sup> @ Shepherd close, Yakoyo Ojodu, with registered Deed of Assignment - #200m.

## SATELITE TOWN

Brand new 4 units 4 bedroom terrace duplex at Kins Close Abule Ada, Satellite Town, Ojo, Lagos. - #200m.

## PLOTS OF LAND FOR SALE (LAGOS MAINLAND)

Plot of land measuring 847.854m<sup>2</sup> at Nnamdi Okoli Street, Ogudu Valley Estate, GRA, Lagos. - #90m

300m<sup>2</sup> of land at Ododuwa Crescent, GRA Ikeja, Lagos - #800m.

Parcel of land measuring 4,100m<sup>2</sup> along Oshodi Apapa Expressway near Sanya Bus-Stop with C of O. - #800m.

Plot of land measuring 728.704m<sup>2</sup> at Block 32, Plot 18, Isheri North Residential Scheme, Lagos. - #15m.

Plot of land measuring 739.202m<sup>2</sup> Block 80A, Plot 5, Isheri North Residential Scheme. - #13m

Plot of land measuring 722.004m<sup>2</sup> Block 39, Plot 6B9, Isheri North Residential Scheme. - #15m



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## FOR SALE (LAGOS ISLAND)

## IKOYI

● Luxurious Brand new spacious 5 bedroom semi-detached houses on 3 floors + BQ and ample parking space @ Onikoyi Foreshore, Ikoyi Lagos. - #350m.

## VICTORIA ISLAND

● 2 wings of 4 bedroom duplex & a 5 bedroom detached house with BQ on 1,400 square metres @ Mike Adenuga Close off Adeola Odeku Street, Victoria Island, Lagos. #800m.

## OSAPA LONDON

● Block of 6 No 3 bedroom flats with all rooms ensuite @ Rasaq Eletu way. - #250m.

## LEKKI

● Brand new 4 bedroom detached house with Bq at Nike Art Gallery, Lekki Phase 1, Lekki, Lagos - #80m

● Luxury 5 bedroom detached duplex with all rooms ensuite @ Toyosi Adetoro St., Chevyview Estate, Lekki - #85m asking

## DIAMOND ESTATE, SANGOTEDO

● Corner piece plot of land measuring 702.002 sqm @ Tourmaline off Aquamarine Road along Monastery Road Lekki. - #50m.

## AJAH

● A well finished 4 bedroom terrace duplex at Lekki Gardens - #35m

● Well finished 3 bedroom terrace duplex @ Alexander Quarters - #35m

● Big bungalow block of flat consisting of well finished 3 bedroom flat ensuite, 2 bedroom flat ensuite & studio apartment at Road 3 Farmville Estate, Sangotedo, Ajah, Lagos - #50m

## EKO AKETE, ABIJO

● 51,710 sqm (12.93 acres) sandfilled and we'll laid out land in Eko Akete Estate, Abijo, Lekki. - #1.3 billion.

## ABIJO G.R.A

● Plot of land measuring 1000.92 sqm at Block 44, Plot 1093. - #18m.



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