

Plateau crisis: Newlywed couple identified as victims of school shooting in Jos

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NEWLY-MARRIED couple, Mr. and Mrs. Rwang Danladi, have been identified as victims of the school shooting, which occurred in Riyom Local Government Area of Plateau State, on Monday.

The couple were reportedly

killed when people identified as herdsmen had led their cattle into their school, BECO Comprehensive School, Kwi, Riyom.

National Publicity Secretary, BECO Comprehensive School Kwi, Rwang Tengwong (BYM), said, in a statement, that the attack represented the highest form of provocation. He, therefore,

called on the government to ban open grazing in Plateau State since grazing has become a ploy to continue unleashing havoc on human lives and property.

The statement said the attack happened as the school authorities held a meeting to compile results of students for delivery on Friday, during "Speech and Prize Giving-

Day", in line with the school's calendar.

He said: "BYM is saddened over the invasion of BECO Comprehensive School Kwi, where two staff, Mr and Mrs Rwang Danladi, were reportedly shot dead and one Mr Dalyop Emmanuel Ibrahim, the Vice Principal of the school seriously injured by some known Fulani armed men, alongside suspected bandits, at about 3pm of Monday, August 14, 2023.

"According to a local source who pleaded anonymity, the bandits came into the school compound with their cattle, and interrupted the staff meeting. The source added that the staff had asked the Fulani to get their cows out of the school environment. But, instead of complying, they brought out their arms and opened fire at the teachers.

"This resulted to the death of recently wedded couple, Rwang Danladi and his wife, Mrs Sandra Rwang Danladi, who were members of staff of the school, while Mr Dalyop Emmanuel Ibrahim, who is the Vice Principal of the institution, sustained serious injury and is receiving medical treatment at the Jos University Teaching Hospital (JUTH).

"The Berom Youth Moulder-Association (BYM), under the leadership of Solomon Dalyop Mwantiri, Esq, notes with concern how these terrorists from Fass and Mahanga now move freely with arms and graze on farmlands, intimidating and killing locals at nearby communities.

"Fass and Mahanga, as well as Guava have become enclaves of terrorists, who carry out all sorts of coordinated attacks on villages and communities in Barkin Ladi, Riyom, Bokkos, Mangu, Jos South and even beyond the state.

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Oro ritual: Restriction of movement anti progressive -Oluwo of Iwoland

By Christopher Oji

THE Oluwo of Iwo land, Abdulrosheed Akanbi, has condemned the restriction of movement by Oro traditional worshippers, describing it as anti progressive.

The Telu 1 of Iwoland has, therefore, banned Oro traditional worship in his domain.

In a statement he personally signed, the traditional ruler, said: "The aspiration of every community is to have a productive and vibrant economy. An economic setting that will pave ways for the prosperity of all and sundry: citizens and visitors. Achieving such will require

free flow of movement of humans, their goods and services without restrictions.

"According to Wikipedia, Oro is the worship of god/orisha, and during the festival, females, and non-natives stay indoors, as oral history has it that Orò must not be seen by women and non-participating people.

"Any deity restricting human movement is anti-progressive. It should be done in the bush where no one lives. Oro worshippers in Iwo should change their mode of engagement to exclude restriction of people's movement. Such will not be entertained in my domain

(Iwoland). It is banned in Iwoland and that's all. Other Oro done in moderation and not placing restrictions on human freedom is permitted. Individuals are free to engage in their family deity as much as people's freedom is not hindered.

"I ask, what will be the fate of an emergency patient being rushed to hospital? Of what justification is movement restriction to a student going to an examination hall at a particular time? Of what moral excuse is restriction of movement in the name Oro to an accident victim in urgent need of emergency medical attention?"



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