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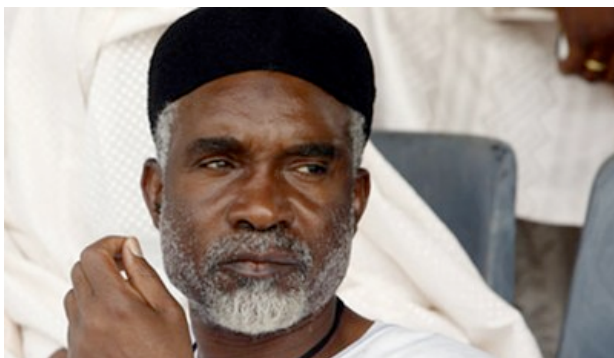
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Suspected Herdsmen Kill 4 in Adamawa

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Governor Murtala Nyako

•Yari promises to boost security in Zamfara

From Matthew Onah in Yola and Ibrahim Shuaibu in Gusau

Tragedy struck in Adamawa State on Monday, when the Chairman of Miyetti Allah, an umbrella organisation of Fulani herdsmen in the state, Ardo Idi Kawu Malabu, was shot dead alongside three others by unknown assailants.

The death of the four herdsmen, however, coincided with a pledge by Zamfara State Government that it had resolved to purchase bullet proof patrol vehicles to enhance security operations in the 14 local governments areas of the state.

Raising the alarm on Monday, the state Secretary of the Miyetti Allah group, Mallam Umar Dawa, said Malabu was killed alongside three other Fulani chiefs (Ardo) at Farang with arrows, while four of their members serving as vigilante were taken to an unknown destination.

Dawa explained that the assailants appear to be foreign Fulani herdsmen, adding that other victims are in crucial conditions at the emergency ward of Yola Specialist Hospital where they are receiving medical attention.

It was reliably learnt the attack followed clashes at Madagali, Gombi, Song, Girei and Fufore Local Government Areas of the state between the Miyetti Allah group and the alien group, which made the slain chairman to call for dialogue, but was attacked and killed with arrows on reaching venue for the proposed meeting.

“On seeing Miyetti Allah state chairman and other Ardos who were asked to meet with them to intervene, the alien Fulanis popularly known as Udawa just opened fire with arrow and bows and instantly four lives were lost. If care is not taken the situation likely might escalate to bloodshed if necessary security measure is not put in place to checkmate act of reprisal from those that lost their bread winners,” Dawa stressed.

Confirming the incident, the Police Public Relation Officer (PPRO) of the state command, Altine Daniel, said the police would get to the root of the matter and urged the bereaved group to remain calm and law abiding.

Also, Speaker of the state House of Assembly, Hon. Ahmad Umar Fintri, who is a native of Madagali local government area, described the incident as unfortunate, adding that the areas affected by the menace of the alien

herdsmen are porous hence the need for security operatives to intensify patrol along border communities.

Meanwhile, Governor Abdul’Aziz Yari, of Zamfara State while inspecting a ravaged Police patrol vehicle, which was recently attacked by unidentified gunmen suspected to be armed robbers, said the state government would do everything possible to re-energise the security sector in the state.

He further informed of the priority given to the security sector by the state government, stressing that the state security council meeting has arrived at a resolution to provide security agencies with all necessary equipments needed in order to ensure recovery of the lost confidence in the general public.

The governor also admitted that, security personnel are suffering the dearth of competitive weapons capable of over powering filthy groups of criminals operating not only in the state but across the nation, saying his administration will intervene to encourage Police patrol activities.

“Following incessant attacks on security personnel while on duty, our attention has been drawn to decide giving more power to all security agencies as they have to be secured first before the innocent lives of the general public and their properties would be safe,” Yari added.

He lamented further that, the criminals had introduced new formidable strategies to achieving their terrible needs in the country, a situation that compelled his administration to embark on commitments towards empowering security sector as the only way to maintain peace among the populace.

Yari said: “Zamfara has been identified as the business route in its position of sharing borders with Sokoto, Niger and Katsina States, it also located very close to Kebbi and Kano States making it integral part of business interactions in the North-west zone.”

The governor said the criminals had noticed the number of trade engagements in the state as potential that attracts their nasty deals where they could easily attack commuters moving from place to another for marketing within the zone, “criminals should better give up their scouts in my state, enough is enough”, Yari warned.

THISDAY recalled that last week, the arm robbers had carted away millions of naira in the convoy of traders along Magami-Jangeme road under Gusau local government after they have killed four Police officers who were on escort duty to one of the major markets in Kano as usual.

An eyewitness account said a group of about 20 members ambushed the trader's convoy under the security escort of four Police corps led by one Inspector Lawali Ibrahim Mada, and opened fire on them.

The witness narrated that, three corps were instantly been killed as the shower of ammunitions could not allow them to re-act, only the Police Inspector could managed to take position behind his derailed escort vehicle who was also over powered and killed after he released out about five bullets in efforts to protect the traders.

It has been recorded that, the whole zone is filled with panic as some communities had to abandoned their residencies recently to escape mass killings from a yet to be identified notorious gang on revenge mission in the villages of Lingyado, Tungar Baushe and Dan Sadau.

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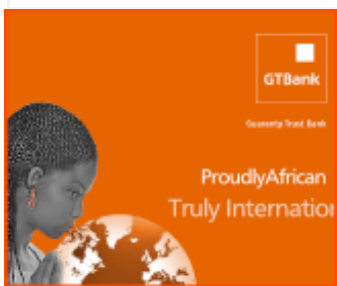
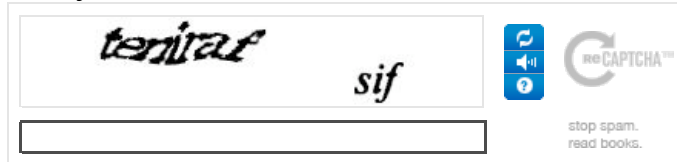
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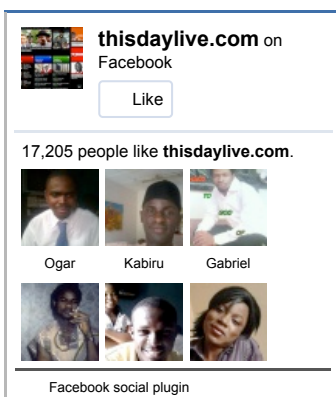
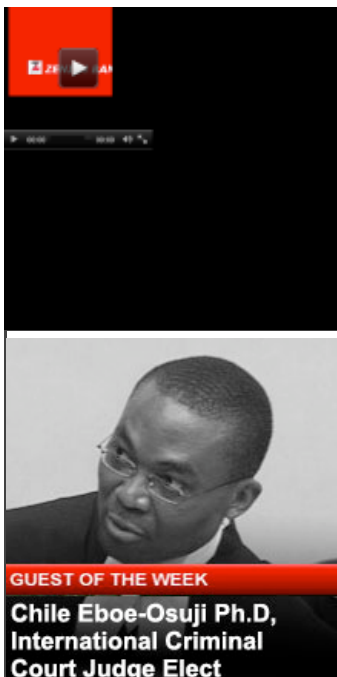
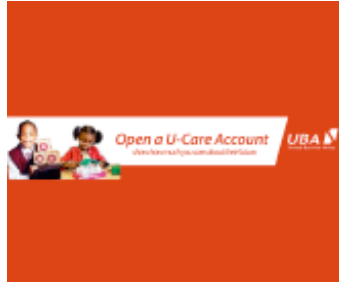
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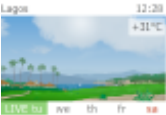
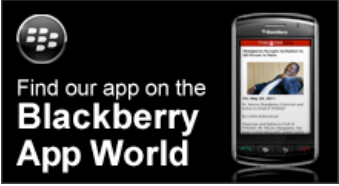
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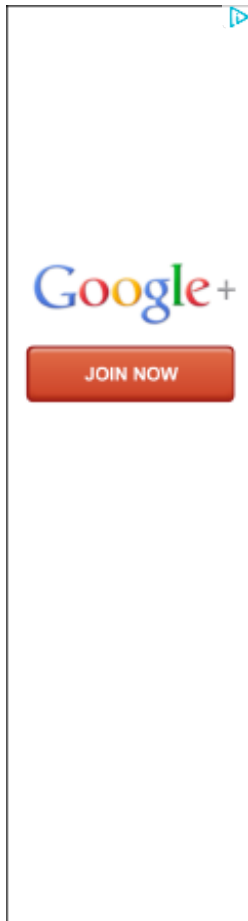
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