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### **20 Killed in Fresh Attacks in Adamawa, Yobe, Borno**

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#### **Victims of Boko Haram attack**

By Matthew Onah, John Shiklam and Michael Olugbode

At least 20 more people were killed at the weekend in fresh attacks suspected to

have been carried out by the terrorist Boko Haram sect in Adamawa, Yobe and Borno States.

The terrorists attacked the Christ Apostolic Church, Nasarawo Parish, Jimeta-Yola in Adamawa State, on Friday evening, killing over 12 persons.

They also shot and killed four persons in another raid in Lamurde, about 80 kilometres away from Yola, the Adamawa State capital.

In another attack in Potiskum, the Yobe State capital, Boko Haram members killed two persons and raided four banks.

On Saturday, sect gunmen also shot and killed two Christian students who attend the University of Maiduguri in Borno State, the state Police Commissioner Simeon Midenda said.

The fresh attacks in Adamawa State bring to 30 the total number of persons killed in the state in the last two days. Fourteen persons lost their lives in a similar attack on Thursday in Mubi town which borders Maiduguri, the Borno State capital, and the hotbed of Boko Haram's terrorism.

Over 30 other persons were also admitted in various hospitals in Adamawa State where they are being treated for gunshot wounds.

The spate of attacks in the last two days compelled the Adamawa State governor, Alhaji Murtala Nyako, to impose a dusk-to-dawn curfew on Yola and Mubi to check possible reprisal attacks.

He has also placed a N25 million bounty on the heads of the killers in a bid to encourage members of the public to squeal on them to facilitate their arrest by law enforcement agents.

The attacks, especially on churches and Christians, have prompted the Christian Association of Nigeria to warn that Christians would be forced to defend themselves against being made sitting ducks if the government cannot guarantee their safety.

According to eyewitnesses, the gunmen, numbering about eight, drove in a Volkswagen Golf car while some rode on a motorcycle to the gate of the Christ Apostolic Church at approximately 10 pm and shot into the congregation, killing 12 persons, including two girls.

The church was said to have been conducting a youth leadership training programme, when the gunmen struck.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Altine Daniel, an Assistant Superintendent of Police, confirmed the attacks but said she had insufficient information on the death toll. But residents said about 12 people were feared dead during the attack.

The state Police Commissioner Ade Shinaba, however, said at least eight worshippers died in the attack.

The Associated Press also reported that at a nearby beauty salon, at least three others were killed in a similar attack. "Three gunmen with their faces covered with black cloth burst into my salon and started shooting at customers, chanting, 'God is great, God is great,'" said Stephen Tizhe, 35.

Despite the imposition of emergency rule on Potiskum, the commercial nerve centre of Yobe State, Boko Haram members attacked the town on Friday night, killing two civilians and injuring several other persons.

The attack, which took place between 6 pm and 7.15 pm on Friday, started with the ambush of a military patrol vehicle and four banks.

Sources said hours before the attack, there was suspicious movement of armed men around the banks but residents of the town mistook them for security agents dressed in plain clothes.

Those who were quick enough to suspect that they might be members of Boko Haram immediately fled the vicinity on Mohammed Idris Way.

One of those who fled the area told THISDAY that shortly after they left the area, they heard the first explosion and suddenly saw people scampering for safety.

A resident who spoke to THISDAY at around 7.30 am yesterday said, "There are gunshots as I am speaking to you now."

Confirming the incident, the state Police Commissioner, Tanko Lawal, who confirmed he was just returning from a tour of the affected area, said two civilians were found dead while many others were injured.

"I can confirm to you that no church or place of worship was bombed, but four banks were bombed. They are Intercontinental Bank, Finland Bank, Zenith Bank and Keystone Bank, which is the former Habib Bank."

As the attacks against Christians rose, the CAN president, Pastor Ayo Oritsejafor, vowed yesterday that Christians would adequately protect themselves from Boko Haram, but he declined to offer specifics, raising concerns about reprisal attacks. "We have decided to work out means to defend ourselves against these senseless killings," Oritsejafor told reporters.

Reacting to the rising casualties in the north-east, former Vice President Atiku Abubakar condemned the latest round of terrorist attacks in Jigawa and Gombe States, as well as in Mubi and Jimeta, Adamawa State, by Boko Haram.

He told reporters yesterday in Abuja that the killing of innocent Nigerians was not only criminal and barbaric but also a dangerous threat to the unity of the country,

especially coming two weeks after the terrorist attack on worshippers at St. Theresa's Catholic Church, Madalla on Christmas day.

"This spiral of violence," he said, "is unacceptable because it is targeted at destroying Nigeria's hard efforts to sustain unity in diversity."

According to Atiku, the attack on defenceless citizens anywhere carries the risk of polarising the nation and weakening the efforts to take a united stand against terrorists and their evil agenda.

He said at a time leaders were making concerted efforts to find solutions to terrorism, some bandits with hideous motives appeared determined to set Nigerians against one another.

The former vice president called for increased vigilance by security agents, wondering how bandits could kill with impunity without detection or intervention by those trained to protect the citizens.

He expressed his condolence to the families of the victims and affirmed his solidarity with the government and people of Adamawa State and the rest of the country over this national tragedy.

Atiku's condolence message was made just as Christians began to flee the north after scores were killed in a series of attacks by Islamist militants who issued an ultimatum to Christians to leave the region or be killed.

Since the expiration of the ultimatum, attacks in towns in four states in the north-east have left dozens dead, forcing hundreds of Christians to flee to the south, according to residents and a Red Cross official.

Witnesses said some shops run by Christians in towns hit by the violence, including Yola and Mubi, were closed yesterday and residents started to pack their belongings onto buses heading to the south.

"We are very worried by the persistent killings. We have asked youths to remain calm. We stand for a united Nigeria but there is a limit to human tolerance," a CAN spokesman told Reuters.

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- i wonder why people are generalizing this issue of boko haram as act by Hausa and Muslim, but true matter is that those killing innocent soul ,they are true Muslim because Islam never teaches violence,and what I want people to understand is that those boko haram they kill also Muslim, and forget some non Muslim were disguised themselves to do similar act just to create confusion

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- Boko haram remember the crusaders.

From: uche

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- I think the security agent in the Northern Nigeria have alliance with Boko Haram,if in the midst of trained security agents in Northern State Boko Haram still made their way in perpetrated devilish killing in those states.

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- These persons grouped up in the name of boko haram are thieves and arm robbers.they loot banks and businesses simply because they do not want to work.They are envious of the huge progress achieved in the south by hard work. More than fourty years of northern governance did not produce equitable distribution of wealth in that region.They lag behind in poverty and education.There breeds the evil

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- The hands of the military is tied as they wait for c-in-c

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- let us come together and kill those rats that call them self boka haram, enough is enough. yusuf sannu and his co must arrested immediately

From: Issa

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- God please com to the rescue of our there lovely nation

From: FBI

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- True Federalism, complete with State Police and substantial control of local resources by States and Local Governments, will solve these problems. Let's recreate and rebuild Nigeria for today. The current 100-year old contraption is obviously now failing. Let's rebuild it to meet today's reality. Otherwise, this house will come crashing on us all leaving, nothing to be salvaged for reuse in a rebuilding effort that will then be compulsory.

From: O'seun Ogunseitan

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- Boko Haram is not a religious group rather a political weapon gone awry, religion or ethnicity has no meaning to such as them. Not all killed by this band of cowards are Christians, Muslims have lost their lives also. it cannot be said that the security services cannot get a member of the Sect and make them give up more information about the group. It took 1 major strike on the USA to give the security agencies the needed jolt to do what was required to deal with suspected threats, how many more lives will be lost before we set up a law allowing detention for up to 96hrs of suspects of terrorism without charging them so we can bring peace to our Nation. I am a Northern Muslim and if i find anyone who belongs to the sect I will be on the phone to our security agencies.

From: IBRAHIM

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- Salut les catastrophes naturelles les révoltes et les guerres des punitions divine en 2012 aux peuples de monde entier de convertir a l'islam pour éviter la disparition de leurs pays par des catastrophes apocalyptique et des guerres civils merci

From: mehdi assem

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- Why are we disturbing our self with this boko haram? This people are sponsored by the govt.they are not only muslim but mixed with Christians and jews.because they are from the north it is concluded that boko harams are muslim. We need to come together and fight against a common enemy(federal government of nigeria on subsidy)

From: Mohammed habeeb

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- I have heared all sort of comments, some say it is not Religious. I wonder, why is what Boko Haram doing synonymous with the things going on in the middle east?...Some say they aren't Religious that they have killed muslims..then Tell me, Why haven't they blasted or destroyed any Mosques!?...You see, their modus operandi is purely like the Islamic jihhadists!.My dear muslims, do not give us such nonsensical talk of "Islam doesn't preach violence" WHEN YOU KNOW FOR A FACT THAT THE PEOPLE PERPETUATING THESES ACTS ARE MUSLIMS!..Now they have issued an ultimatum that has expired, the killings are on the increase AND YET THE MUSLIM LEADERS IN THE NORTH ARE FOLDING THEIR ARMS AND ISSUING EMPTY WORDS!..This is the problem we have in this country..WE KNOW THE PROBLEM BUT LIKE THE MILLIPEDE, WE WOULD EITHER TRY TO TURN AWAY FROM EVERY OBSTACLE OR RECOIL IF YOU CANNOT ESCAPE!.If the Security agencies are working with the locals, how come they can't fish these culprits out!?, the answer is simple!..THE NORTHERN LEADERS ARE IN SUPPORT OF THEIR CRIMES!...THEY SIMPLY CANNOT GUARNATEE THE SAFETY OF NON-MUSLIMS IN THE NORTH...For me, the Sad thing is that this keeps on repeating itself over and over and over and over and over and over through the years (Northernes kill Christians / Southerners, they flee, calm settles, they return, the killing starts again..and so on).WHY CAN'T WE JUST SEE THAT THIS THING ISN'T WORKING!?, a Youth CORPS member's life is not safe!,



The life of Innocent citizens are not safe and the government is talking about NATIONAL UNITY!?!..All we read in the media is the increased death-toll, nothing more!...Well, I believe push has come to shove, If you don't defend your family you will be slaughtered!..Keep issuing staments and condolences. This evil will visit all our homes until we fight back!.Period!.

From: vforvendetta

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- The Enemy comes to steal, kill and destroy, Christ says he has come to give us Life, Boko Haram is ome of the Spirit of this end time, if you kill them, the spirit will possess another man and continue this persecution of the Church. Our Solace is that those Matyrs did not die in vain,they are better and happier where they are right now and may God consider you and me by His Grace when our own rapture finally takes place.

From: Shibey

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- Residents should be very vigilant and security conscious,and also be very willing to report any suspicious activity in and around their domain

From: Bot Stephen

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- Nigeria is not a country to lives, because it lack of security

From: josi

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- Muslims have secretly trained their soldiers,equipped them and gave them a name "Boko Haram" to kill Christians, and they kill, Muslims come out that, they are not Muslims or Islam did not teaches killing. My question to Dr Khalid Abubakar Aliyu is. Are these people muslims? If not, why are they claiming muslims and want to Ismalized this country? and if in affirmative what are the muslims doing to stop these group that attack only Christians and Churches? Enough is enough.



From: David Dauda

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- ....Surely as the lord lives!!! Mark my words!!!this year! Boko haram and their sponsors will live in fear this year!!!this is a year of judgement!!! 3 of their sponsors(politicians) will die from now till march)....I don't know how it ll happen...but the lord of hosts.the God of 'those ' Christians will fight for us...he ll contend wit boko haram,cos he alone is supreme and incomprehensible!

From: ify

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- Every tin that has benign there is an end,

From: oaya

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- This Boko Haram issue could have been avoided if the Govt had listened to reports from the US and UK that Nigeria has Alqeada links. Even the underwear Bomber didn't make use look into the threat properly. One thing is for sure these people are being trained and sponsored for some selfish interest. For us to move forward the govt should work with both local or international agencies to bring this monster down. Then we should sit down as a nation and define how we want to live together as the federalism we have at the moment is not working. The truth is if the Nigerian state doesn't sit down and structure how we will coexist other uprising will still emerge in other parts of the country because people have lost confidence in the politicians and the country

From: yemisi

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- I can bet that 80 of d security personnel in the north are members of boko haram

From: Cletus nwaba

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- boko haram is designed to cause confusion and hatred, hostility and resentment, among Christians and Muslims... the people must demand that their religious leaders SPEAK OUT and demand explanations, from the FG, why the government is finding it hard to FISH OUT those sponsoring the BOKO HARAM OPERATION..... this is not suppose to be a problem for our security agencies... THE PEOPLE WHO ARE suppose to find solutions are the ones causing the problems!

From: freedom

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- Even with the recent state of emergency,BOKO HARAM still kills. To me, I believed Mr president knows the KING PIN behind the sect.Get them arrested and save further live lost. You are voted to protect our lives.ACT WISELY NOW!

From: ABIMBOLA

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- Split nigeria , let biafra go only , that the word of God . the 11 states in south east should immediately declare the Kingdom of Biafra

From: Prophetic King

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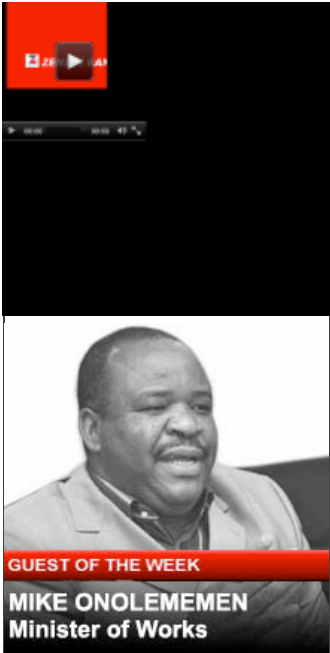
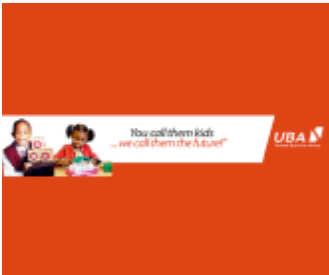
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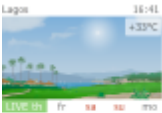


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