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acquired the airline two years ago, noting that the recommencement

the last two years, the airline is now well positioned to compete favourably in the international market."

He further noted that the recommencement of the long-haul flights confirm Air Nigeria's commitment to boost business and tourism travels through regular growth and innovation that would meet the aspirations of the travelling public, adding that passengers would have distinctive onboard experience on the flights as indigenous meals and variety of movies would be offered as the airline was committed to delivering quality services at an affordable price.

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Boko Haram Kills 7 in Maiduguri

Seven persons have been reportedly killed by the Boko Haram sect in Maiduguri, Borno State, thereby causing apprehension among indigenes and non-indigenes of the state.

Among those killed between Wednesday's night and the early hours of yesterday included six civilian residents and a Nigerian Customs Service (NCS) officer.

The gunmen, according to sources, had stormed Silimanti, Polo area of the town, the location of the bread bakery at about 8.30am and fired some gun shots at the men working at the bakery, killing no fewer than five people.

Residents of the area though could not give details of the account of the incident other than that gunshots were heard at a popular bakery in the area where non-indigenes, from Michika in Adamawa State were mostly workers.

One of the residents of the area who

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volunteered information on condition of anonymity said the assailants must have driven into the bakery quietly in a Gulf saloon car, quietly killed their victims and sneaked away without any hindrance.

Many of those that our correspondent tried to speak with kept mute apparently out of the fear of getting trailed by unknown

assailants who might be lurking nearby. But one of the residents who described the development as unfortunate said: "I guess they have been monitoring activities at the bakery for some time and knew when the men usually resume and close work."

There was no official confirmation from the Joint Task Force (JTF) as at the press time as the spokesman of the task force, Lt Col Sagir Musa, could not be reached on his mobile phone.

Falana Charges Journalists on FoI Act

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Information Act, the Official Secret Act, is dead.

He told the gathering of journalists at the seminar organised by the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ) Lagos State Council in con-

junction with Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, he was willing to come to the aid of any journalist denied access to information.

Earlier, Chairman of the Lagos State Council of the NUJ, Mr. Deji Elumoye, said the FoI Act ought to offer a broader window of opportunity to practice unfettered journalism.

He regretted that despite the Act, many Nigerians are still encountering difficulties in access-

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