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Gunmen Kill 46 Students in Mubi

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It was a black Independence Day celebration for the inhabitants of Mubi town, Adamawa State, as unknown gunmen, suspected to be members of Boko Haram, massacred at least 46 persons, mostly students of three tertiary institutions in the town, on Monday night.

At least three others were confirmed killed over the weekend in Bauchi State in the

ongoing reprisals in Tafawa Balewa Local Government Area.

Although the official casualty figure in the Mubi killing was put at 25, sources said the figure could be higher as no fewer than 26 students of the Federal Polytechnic alone were shot dead.

Students of other schools attacked were from the School of Health Technology and the Adamawa State University, all in Mubi.

The victims, a source said, were shot dead in what he described as a “commando style attack”.

An official of the Federal Polytechnic, who craved anonymity for security reasons, told THISDAY in a phone interview that the shooting took place at about 10pm, when the gunmen opened fire on some students at Wuro-Fatuje. Wuro-Fatuje, a suburb of Mubi, is heavily populated by off-campus students of the three institutions.

“There was heavy gunfire from around 10pm until 11pm, when it subsided,” he said.

He confirmed that 26 students of the polytechnic were among the casualties, while the others were students of the two other institutions.

According to him, the bodies of the victims have been deposited at the General Hospital, Mubi.

By Tuesday, operatives of the internal joint security task force, headed by Brig-Gen. John Nwoaga, along with the state Police Commissioner, Geoffrey Okeke, had beefed up security in the town with the deployment of more soldiers and policemen in the town that was locked down last week by security agents in search of Boko Haram insurgents.

Adamawa State Police Command spokesman, Ibrahim Mohammed, a Deputy Superintendent of Police, confirmed that 25 bodies had so far been deposited at the General Hospital, Mubi.

He, however, said the figure might rise as security agents were still in the area combing for more victims.

Also, the spokesman of National Emergency Agency (NEMA), Alhaji Yushua Shuaib, confirmed over the phone that 25 people were killed in the attack on the students.

According to him, the number of the injured could not yet be determined as security agents were still combing the area for bodies and injured victims.

He, however, said calm had been restored following the beefing up of security in the town by a combined team of soldiers and policemen.

Last week, agents of the special squad in the state, “Operation Restore Sanity”, had recorded a major breakthrough when they killed one of the key commanders of the

Boko Haram believed to be Abubakar Yola, alias Abu Jihad, during a gun duel with the insurgents in Mubi.

Also arrested were 156 persons, four of whom are believed to be top unit commanders of the sect involved in the recent bombings of telecommunications facilities about a month ago.

Also discovered and destroyed were two bomb factories of the sect, including over 300 improvised explosive devices already primed for attacks.

In addition, the security agents seized 25 assorted brands of rifles, mostly brand new AK47 rifles, over 2,000 daggers, swords, bows and poisoned arrows.

In the last two weeks, the Adamawa State Government has imposed a 24-hour curfew on Mubi in the face of the mounting security challenge in the town.

Also, three people were killed in Tafawa Balewa Local Government Area in Bauchi State, following retaliatory attacks between Zwall and Zango communities to avenge the death of their kinsmen in previous attacks usually carried out during market days.

Confirming the incident while fielding questions from reporters, the Caretaker Committee Chairman of the local government, Alhaji Iliyasu Gital, said one woman and two men were killed during the latest reprisal.

Gital explained that a few weeks ago, some parts of Zwall Village were burnt by some unknown people, prompting some people to launch an attack on those believed to have masterminded the first attack.

He said the crisis had forced the council to close the three markets, including those of Zwall and Zango villages, in the area.

According to him, some people had already been arrested, while security men were still investigating the matter with the aim of arresting those behind the attacks.



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- I saw this coming. It's quite a pity Mubi has now turned to Aleppo. I use to live in Mubi but was among the first victims of BH insurgency in January that claimed about 15 lives. I'm grateful to God i survived that attacked with bullet injuries in the face.

I can only imagine. What a massacre?

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- God have mercy upon Nigeria!!! What a senseless and baseless waste of precious human lives? For how long shall we watch our students and children been killed? Am still in shock! This evil must be stopped!!

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- shame to religion of blood shed,shame to religion of no respect for God created lives and ungodliness.shame to u all over there,kill and roast yourselves.moreover,what politics is the army playing, how can security agents be everywhere and this idiots will be shooting for a whole one hour still no response from them.

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- I think every matured residents in this country ought to carry arms. If the armed forces cannot protect us, then we will do what we can to protect ourselves. So help us God.

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- Let's not pretend that Jonathan's government is on top of things, the government has failed: The state has been rendered ungovernable by a force it seems ineffective in dealing with. But this force has not succeeded, because we will still

not cede the polity to the agents of anarchy, at any time without a individual and collective strive for peace and harmony.

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- God will help this country, my worries are; why is it that the so called Boko Haram don't know the way to Aso Rock and stop terrorizing the innocent citizen of the country??

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- What is the faith of Nigeria tomorrow morning? How can we stand and see the country turning upside down? our future leader are perishing, our hope is lost. but how can a gang of hoodlums over power a great nation like Nigeria? May the lord grant the parents of the deceased kids the fortitude to bear this irreparable lost, and grant these holy innocent souls eternal rest in his kingdom.

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- Are we all suffering from short memory,didn't some people say it openly that Nigeria will become ungovernable should a particular person won the presidential election, why cant we add one plus one together and stop deceiving ourselves,the whole thing will stop when power goes back to those who think it is their birthright,period.

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- My dear friend was one of d victims. it pains me. God rest their souls

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