

# Count Nigerian soldiers out of Bakassi killings —AZAZI

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**T**HE Chief of Defence Staff, General Patrick Azazi, yesterday, reiterated that the killings of 20 Cameroonian soldiers on Tuesday in Bakassis should not be linked to Nigerian soldiers.

Reacting to retaliatory killings in the area, Azazi condemned the killing of 10 Nigerians on Wednesday night.

Speaking in the same vein, former Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, Prince Bola Ajibola, said that Nigerian government has no hand in the recent trouble that erupted in Bakassi Peninsula leaving the Cameroonian soldiers dead.

The Chief of Defence Staff while denying involvement of Nigerian soldiers in the trouble said: "Is camouflage the Nigerian Army uniform?"

"We are all Nigerians and we witness where some of these criminals wear military uniforms and sometimes, procure these camouflage from outside the country and wear.

"I say it categorically that Nigeria has no reason to deploy any soldier to Bakassi, so, I do not know how any soldier could then have been killed if it is true," he added. "What is the provocation?"