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By Kingsley Omonobi

The presidency reacted angrily to a foreign media report that President Goodluck Jonathan has blamed Friday's bombing at the Mogadishu barracks on the Islamic Sect, Boko Haram saying he couldn't have said so since security agencies have not pin pointed any group as investigations was still on going.

It described the report as an outright lie aimed at destabilizing Nigeria.

A statement signed by Ima Niboro, Special adviser to President Jonathan on Media and Publicity titled Al Jazeera Correspondent is out to destabilize



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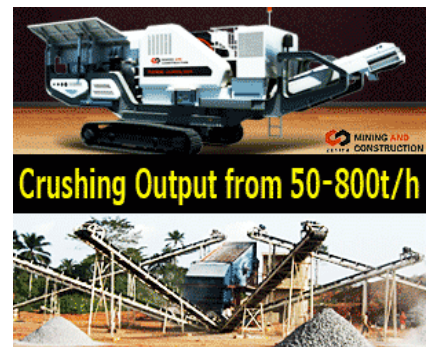
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GOOD REPORT ON INTELLIGENT REPORT BY U S COUNTER TERRORIST HOUSE COMMITTEE. NIGERIA GOVERNMENT WOULD HANDLE HER CRISES BY THEMSELVES WITHOUT ANY COUNTRY INTERFERENCE.

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Nigeria reads, “Our attention has been drawn to the unfounded and sensational news item on Al Jazeera television claiming that Nigerian President, Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, has blamed the fundamentalist group, Boko Haram, for the bomb blast which occurred in Abuja yesterday”.



Survivors of a bomb blast lie on beds at Asokoro hospital, a day after an explosion near a military barrack in Nigeria's federal capital Abuja January 1, 2011. REUTERS/Afolabi Sotunde

“This is an outright lie. Nowhere, and at no time has the President held any particular group responsible for the attack. Additionally, neither the Nigerian security services nor the Nigerian government have confirmed those behind the attacks”.

“It amounts to sheer sensationalism to attribute to the president or the federal government any such claim. It is irresponsible journalism and we condemn it out rightly”.

“The statement from the president’s media office was clear when it said that evil people determined to turn the joys of fellow Nigerians to ashes detonated a bomb at a barracks market in the Federal Capital City.”



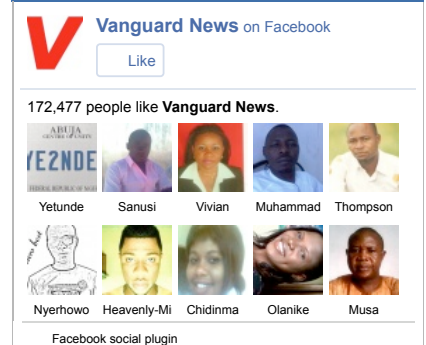
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It noted that “If we meant Boko Haram, or any other group, we would state it very clearly. But Al Jazeera’s unique journalism in Nigeria is not strange to us. When the tragedy of the October 1, 2010, bomb blasts occurred, they went to town with outlandish claims against the presidency that were unfounded and unsubstantiated”.

“This brand of journalism defies reason. For the purpose of clarity, neither the President nor the security agencies have come out to state those behind the attacks. Investigations are on, and at the end of the day, the real culprits would be unmasked”.

“There is also the need to state, again for the purpose of clarity, that four persons were killed in yesterday’s attack. Twenty- Six others were wounded, one of them a soldier” the statement said.

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joel

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ACCUSATION IS SIMPLY A DELAY
TACTICE. THE ENTIRE NIGERIA
SYSTEM IS FAST FAILING US THE
LAW ABIDING CITIZENS.LOOK AT A

PILE UP OF INVESTIGATIONS
WAITING 2 BE ATTENDED 2 IN NAIJA
AND MORE ARE HAPPENING... MAY
GOD HELP US.....

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James202020

May the souls of the departed rest in the bosom of the Lord. What will you tell God as the President, Army Chief, Police chief/Commissioner, Governor, LG Chairman, Religious leader etc that during your period in office innocent blood were shed as a result of your actions or inactions. Truly, these guys have sponsors and some of the leaders know them. Posterity and justice awaits all of us bcos our God is a just god.

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EmmanuelU

When the Power mongers promised war, if not allowed to loot Nigeria in the name of ruling, we thought they were to raise a battalion to fight the Nigeria state. These bomb blast is part of the war promised. I foresee more blast during and after election if Goodluck wins. The security personnel in the country had lost their bearing of protecting us. Our only protection in 2011 is from God, because with the beef up of security men in Jos , the criminals are still having a field day.

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olisaem

Persons suggesting aljazeera be shut down are very ignorant. The shutting down of media organizations marks the beginning of a dictatorship. Press freedom is a key component of a true

democracy. If they have aired false information that brings the president disrepute, they should be charged with libel. The media organization that should be shut down is NTA.

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Dready Dreadyo

But here what Jonathan said and quoted in NEXT newspapers: "The preliminary analysis of the explosives so far used in Nigeria, the one used in the 1st October explosion has the same characteristics with the ones that happened in Port Harcourt, Warri and some parts of the Niger Delta, it has been classified. The one that happened yesterday, from preliminary analysis, is identical with the ones that happened in Jos. So there are two routes, so as long as the security operatives know where the two routes are, we will get to where these things are coming from." Is Aljazeera not correct here? Why is the presidential spokesperson looking for a scape goat?

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Abubakar

It wont change anything since they would still broadcast to other countries & still the news about Nigeria would be heard dont forget that the world is now a global village & news spreads so fast even without aljazeera`s broadcast

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Eby Orakwe

WHAT IS NEED COMMENTING ON THIS MEDIA --ALJAZEERA .ORDER THEM OUT OF THE COUNTRY LIKE HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF

MORROCO DID TO THEM. THEY
NEED NO KID`S GLOVE . LATE
PRESIDENT ABACHA ONCE DID IT
TO CNN. ALJAZEERA IS TOO
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ESPECIALLY ON ISSUES INVOLVING
ISLAM. IT INSTIGATES STRIFE AND
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REPORTS BEFORE AIRING THEM,
OR BE SHOWN THE WAY OUT OF
THE NATION. THEY ARE JUNK
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when will all the talk of getting to the
bottom of all these crimes start?
Nigeria leaders talk only sss special
force police force military police wake
up.
or there will no Nigeria. because no
nation with the type of histry like ours
survive these situations.
wake nigerians.
lawldibe

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You can never hear any peaceful news
from Aljazera. The diff btw SUN news
paper of Nigeria and Aljazera is that,
SUN will make a news of what it has not
happened or news that will provoke
someone to acts against one another.
Be the news maker by yourself.

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BELLO

Mr Clinton, the story is talking about

'Aljazeera' broadcasting wrong information concerning GEJ'S remarks on the Magadushi Barrack's bomb blast on new year's eve. So if you are a follower of the trends of events in our country GEJ made the same or similar statements or assertions on 1st october bombing [50th anniversary]. The thing is let's just believe what WIKILEAKS diplomatic talks between GEJ and a US ambassador where GEJ said 'i lack the experience to lead this country as there are people who have more experience than myself'. To be frank, GEJ can't rule this nation because he has a biased understanding and non-positive regard to a certain ethnic group infact a total misconception. And instead of you to critically condemn GEJ for his govt failure to handle the security problems of this country including the amnesty on his own people you ended up campaigning for him. I dont know if you are a nigerian anyway...

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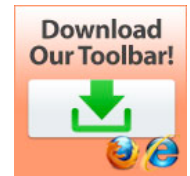
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