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Deeper Life pastor, 3 others killed in Maiduguri by suspected fundamentalists

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As CAN, Uma Ukpai urge Christians to defend themselves

By Sam Eyoboka

LAGOS — Renewed sectarian killing resurfaced in **Maiduguri**, Borno State capital on Tuesday as a **Deeper Life Christian Church pastor** and three of his neighbours were killed by fundamentalists.

It was gathered that Michael Medugu, a district **pastor** in charge of Hausa church, was killed by a gang of four fundamentalists in his pharmaceutical shop while dispensing drugs to customers at about 7.05 p.m., leaving his wife and seven children to mourn him.

According to the reports, Megudu had just returned to his shop after the day's Leadership meeting in his church, where his **pastor**, Ama Awokoya, incidentally called on Christians to increase their prayers for peace in the region, saying: "Must they bring dead bodies to the church before we intensify prayers?"

How prophetic that turned out to be, as few minutes later the **pastor** was confronted with the news of the death of the **pastor** in charge of the Hausa church and three of his neighbours including Obina, Mr. James and one Baba Joy at dusk same day by a gang of four who came in on foot and later escaped.

Attackers, enemies of President Jonathan—CAN

Responding to the latest brutal killing yesterday, the National President of Christian Association of Nigeria, CAN, **Pastor** Ayo Oritsejafor and the president of Uma Ukpai Evangelistic Organisation, Rev. Uma Ukpai argued that the incessant mindless killings might have been sponsored by enemies of the Goodluck Jonathan administration who

are determined to make him look unpopular.

Oritsejafor, in a telephone interview, from Rome said the attacks “without any doubt are part of the grand design by enemies of the president who want to give the impression that the man is ineffective.”

He, therefore, called on Christians in that part of the country to rise up to defend themselves whenever they come under attack by these mindless fundamentalists, stressing: “It really does not make any sense for a peace-loving Christian to watch his family members being slaughtered without doing anything to defend them.

“People are calling me from that part of the country, daily by people who are disenchanted by the daily killings which had instilled fear in the minds of Christians in that region to the extent that some are now migrating from the region, because they believe that the government has not demonstrated enough commitment to defend the citizens,” Oritsejafor maintained.

Uma Ukpai urges Christians to defend themselves

Also speaking, Evangelist Uma Ukpai, who is also in Rome for this year’s Christian pilgrimage, said “there will be no end to the religious crisis in the North unless the Christians in the area take it upon themselves to defend their lives and property.

“Do you know that whenever the perpetrators of the crisis are arrested, they are released without any form of trial,” he said, adding: “This has continued over the years and not one person has been prosecuted successfully. I know that there is no one person in any jail in any part of Nigeria, who is serving any term for the part he/she played in any religious crisis.”

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The truth is that we are all pretending that we are united. There are number of ways to solve this problem of killing in the name of religion –muslim, Christian or Traditinal faith:

OPTION A

1. Let the National Assembly enact an Act that will make it punishable by public Execution any who kills a person in

the name of religion or tribe. (This may sound crude in 21st century but killing in the name of religion or race in 21st century is also crude. So, crude solution for crude act)

2. Let the law state that any Ward, Village or Community leader who fails to produce the killer(s) or give useful information for the arrest of the killer(s) should be dethroned, publicly executed or jailed for life.
3. The Emirs, Obas, Igwes or Ezes under whose jurisdiction the Ward, Village or Community falls should simply but compulsorily be dethroned.

OPTION B

1. Let the National Assembly call for a Sovereign National Conference where we should decide whether to live together or to go our different ways.
2. Let us not wait until 2 million people are killed before we follow the example of southern Sudan.
3. The continued killing of Christians in the North is really a shame. With due respect, I wish to ask the Nine wise men (Ciroma and colleagues) from the north to provide evidence where a person has been killed in the south because he or she is a muslim. Please Ciroma, preach the consensus for religious harmony and not consensus for political office.

In conclusion, I wish to observe that Ojukwu saw this in the 1960s but we said he is mad; Uwazurike has been crying about it since 1990s and we said he is mad too. And more recently, our friend Gadafi of Libya echoed it by calling for a division but we also called him a mad man. My grandmother told me that there is always an iota of truth in whatever a mad man says. We should therefore pause to consider the opinions of these three great “mad men”

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[omon](#) 4 days ago [in reply to Olive Heat](#)

It is time Nigerians should separate religion from peace coexistence or go their separate ways. I think your comment is very sound. Killing the Deeper Life Christian Church pastor and three of his neighbours is the height of irresponsibility, intolerance and insensitivity to religion in Borno. In addition to your suggestions, I also think Christians and Muslims should be more security conscious so that nobody will be taken unawares any more. Life first, before prayers!

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[Hussaini](#) 4 days ago

That is why Military are more preparable than Democracy.

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[imma](#) 4 days ago

Even if the Britnish had made a mistake to put us together as a nation, 50+ years is more than enough for us to determine our destiny as a people. Our generation may not live to witness it but surely, Nigeria will crack into 6 or more nations for peace to really reign. The Soviet Union had it peacefully, Sudan after over 56 years of fighting is

having it peacefully now, Nigeria will go the same way in no distant future.

The only people clamoring for "One Nigeria" are the thieves called politicians who are afraid of loosing their grip on the centre and who wants more funds at the Centre for them to loot and oppress the rest of us. Another set of people who are those who have looted in the past or have received looted funds from their parents and invested same in the oil rich Niger Delta or the business friendly Western states of Nigeria and are therefore afraid of loosing such investments in the event of secession.

Conduct an opinion poll on the ordinary Nigerians on the street to choose between unity and secession and you will be amazed by the result you will get - of course it will SECESSION in upper case underlined.

Lets not all pretend that we are one Nigeria. We are a people forced to live together and one day we must all go our separate ways. This is evident even on the floors of the National Assembly and we all can see it.

Thank you.

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[Usman Mohammed](#) 4 days ago

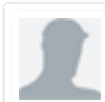
Yes to separation between the south and north but NO to a mad man proposal of separation between the Muslim and Christian. For those who are born in Nigeria but were unfortunately born dept, dumb and blind should find/look for some other means of dividing Nigeria definitely not through this three. I.e. religion, tribe and or political affiliation. This so call fundamentalist have killed several Muslim brothers and sisters before killing Christians but because the terrorists pressmen/women always finds it convenient to fuel the fire of religious killings and divisions, they go on sensational reporting to ignite fire that would end up consuming them as well. While I'm not in support of blood shed of any kind, but the terrorists in the Niger delta goes on killing and kidnapping as well as destroying properties worth billions of Naira on a daily basis. if you take a critical look at who and what they are destroying, all belongs to the Christians community yet no one has ever called for the severance of the Niger delta or the south-east from Nigeria because to those mad men/women they consider what is going on there as normal and could be lived with. In conclusion, i want to say it point blank to those who want this country divided, to get ready and take up their arms just like the way the other mad man did and see if it will favour them. But no body should think that a country like Nigeria could be shared on a dining table just like an orange without some human sacrifices. Therefore, whoever is ready to be sacrificed should blast the first short.

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[solosunta](#) 2 days ago [in reply to Usman Mohammed](#)

USman Mohammed, Do you forget that Islamist extremism started in the Northern Nigeria long time ago, Maltasine attacks of 1982, 1985, Nigeria Taliba attacks of 2000, 2002, 2005, 2008 and Boko Haram attacks of 2009, Christmas and new year Church attacks in Jos and Maiduguri, These are all carried out by Islamic extremists who wanted to eliminate all none Muslim in the North.

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**bisi** 4 days ago

religion of peace!!

3 people liked this.

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**dammy28** 4 days ago [in reply to bisi](#)

What a shame! I dont think it's a religion of peace... I need someone to enlighten me....

Why would the pastor and others be killed for no reason? None of the muslim leaders in Borno or elsewhere have condemned this...

No! not for peace.....this is for violence. May GOD comfort the people they left behind..... Anyway, it has been prophesied in the bible that these things will happen to christians in the last days.. Let us all get prepared for the rapture. Jesus is definitely coming back soon. Jesus is Lord!

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**daaayy** 2 days ago

THERE SHOULD BE NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN EVERY GEO POLITICAL ZONE ON THE SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT THEY SUPPORT AND BECAUSE I BELEIVE AT THE TIME NIGERIA PRACTICE THE RIGHT SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT TO IT'S FULLEST I.E TRUE FEDERALISM OR CONFERDERATION EACH REGION WILL REGAIN IT'S TRUE IDENTITY. I DONT SEE ANY FULANI /HAUSA MALAM BRINGING JIHADIST FROM NIGER INTO SOKOTO STATE TO START TO DRAG THEIR RIGHT WITH THEM THEN THEY WILL BE THE ONES TO RISE UP AGAINST ANY INVADER IN THEIR AREA TO START WITH I DONT EVEN THINK SOKOTO/KEBI/ZAMFARA WILL EVER VOTE TO BE IN NIGERIA IF THEY DID NOT SMELL POWER FOR THIRTY YEARS THEY WILL PREFARE AN ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF DAN FODIO

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**Allfamos** 4 days ago

Religious War or War of illiteracy. Some elements are barbarians they will forever remain so. There are decent Muslims of Hausa origin who do not condone such barbaric act but we have the tiny minority of un educated £ \$%^% spoiling the name of the Islamic faith.

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