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MAIDUGURI — LAST weekend saw a
harvest of deaths in different parts of
the country with the highest toll coming
from Maiduguri, the Borno State capital
where the deadly **Boko** Haram sect
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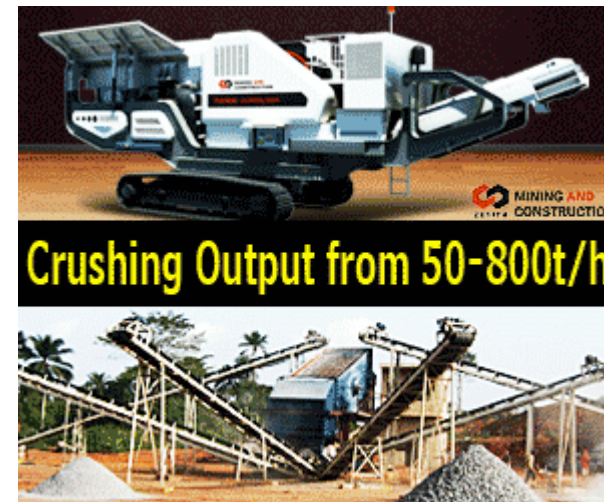
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This time a gun fight between members of the sect and Joint Task Force, **JTF**, left at least **41** people dead.

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Part of the damaged All Christians Fellowship Mission after an explosion rocked church at Suleja, Niger State, yesterday. Pix: Abayomi Adeshida.

This came as two separate bombs planted at the All Christian Fellowship Mission and Faith Mission Church along Church Road, in Suleja Town, Niger State, exploded leaving four persons



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dead yesterday.

Tragedy also struck at Okpanam in Oshimili North Local Government Area of Delta State, following a fire outbreak that killed four children of same parents, including a new born baby, who was dedicated at a special thanksgiving service by the parents, penultimate Sunday. The gory tale of deaths continued in Katsina where a massive flood swallowed eight people.

Okogie advises FG on **Boko** Haram

The Archbishop of the Metropolitan See of Lagos, Anthony Cardinal Olubunmi Okogie, yesterday, advised the Federal Government not to go into any

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negotiation with the **Boko** Haram group, saying such move could put the nation in jeopardy.

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Consequently, Okogie urged President Jonathan to urgently address the threat posed by the group.

Similarly, a fisherman was reportedly burnt to death in a pipeline explosion at Kunukunuma, Gbaramatu Kingdom, Warri South-West Local Government Area of Delta State, while his wife, who was severely burnt, is lying crucially ill at an undisclosed hospital in Warri.

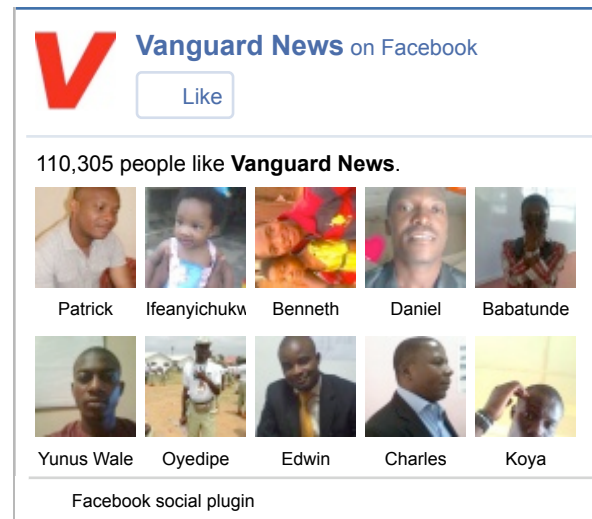
In Edo State, there was panic at the



Benin Airport, yesterday, when a private jet overshot the run away when it landed. The jet with registration number 5N BEX which was said to have landed Benin airport from Lagos, reportedly had three persons on board

Pandemonium broke out in Maiduguri , the capital of borno state when members of **Boko** Haram exploded several bombs in Maiduguri which injured two members of the **JTF**, in a swift response, the soldiers killed 11 members of the sect. 30 persons were also feared killed by stray bullets.

JTF Commander, Major General Jack Nwaogbo, in a statement said the



explosion and gunshots by **Boko**

Haram members were successfully repelled by the **JTF**, which led to the killing of the 11 suspects, but could not give details of whether some innocent people were killed by stray bullets.

An eye witness told Vanguard that another bomb explosion hit London Chiki yesterday, leading to the death of an entire family, on their way to the Church.

Vanguard investigation revealed that when **JTF** arrived in London Chiki, they started shooting sporadically thereby killing 30 persons including a staff of the University of Maiduguri Demonstration

Secondary School, Mallam Adamu
Abdullahi.

Suleja blast

The bombs went off at 2.00 pm at the
All Christian Fellowship Mission and
Faith Mission Church along Church
Road, Suleja, Niger State, where most
churches are located. It left no fewer
than four people dead and several
others injured. Corpses of the dead had
already been deposited at the Suleja
General Hospital mortuary while those
injured were rushed to the Gwagwalada
Specialist Hospital, Abuja.

Vanguard gathered that most churches
had already ended their services, with

few members still holding meetings in their various churches when the bomb went off.

The police could not be reached for comments at press time, but a top police officer in Minna, the Niger State capital confirmed the incident.

The Niger State Government has condemned the blast and assured that it will not be intimidated by those it described as reactionary forces and agents of darkness.

Oshimili tragedy

The actual cause of the fire was not immediately ascertained but Vanguard

gathered that fuel hawkers sell fuel within the compound. The children were sleeping in the room while their parents were at their places of business when the fire incident happened, Vanguard learnt. Most part of the town had been without public power supply for upwards of three months.

The father of the children, whose name was given as Mr. Onyekwelu, a native of Oko, Anambra State, operates a patent medicine store while the wife sold foodstuff not far away from the house. They were in their respective shops when the disaster occurred.

Only one of the children, a boy, aged

about 10, survived.

Warri pipeline explosion

In the Warri explosion, Vanguard learnt that the man, simply identified as Mr. Salmon was fishing with his wife near the pipeline when they heard an explosion, and he started his boat to run for safety, but that was his undoing, as the engine exploded immediately with fire all over him and his wife.

A source said he was burnt to death on the spot and his boat burnt beyond repairs, adding that the oil pipeline belonging to the Petroleum Pipeline Marketing Company, PPMC, which was ruptured sometime ago, was supposed

to have been repaired, but had not been repaired before the incident.

Benin crash

The mishap of the 10-seater passenger aircraft which led to shut-down of the airport for over three hours and flight delays, forced some passengers to cancel their scheduled flights.

When contacted, Manager of the Benin Airport, Mr. Ben Obule, said: “I am on terminal leave. I cannot comment on what happened.”

One of the stranded passengers who spoke with newsmen, Prof. Friday Okonofua, decried the safety level of

the country's airspace.

He said: "I am not sure of airspace safety in Nigeria. This incident to me is something we need to investigate to know what led to the incidence. I remember when I was coming from Lagos and the plane could not land. We had to go back to Lagos."

8 killed in Kastina as flood submerges
Lagos, Ibadan

Eight persons were killed in Katsina metropolis, following a heavy downpour which also rendered over a hundred families homeless.

This came as rains also submerged

most parts of the Lagos metropolis, yesterday, making virtually all roads impassable. In Oyo State, rainstorm blew off the roof of Ladoke Akintola University of Technology Teaching Hospital, LAUTECH, Ogbomosho.

The rainfall, which started at about 4.00 p.m. yesterday, and lasted for three hours, caused many houses to collapse.

A visit round the metropolis indicated that the areas affected by the flood include Kofar Marusa, Sabuwar Unguwa, Kofar Marusa, Kofar Durbi, Kofar Sauri, Rafukka and Tudun Yan'lifidda.

Meanwhile in Ibadan, rainstorm blew off

Ladoke Akintola University of
Technology Teaching Hospital's roof in
Ogbomosho.

The building was said to have gulped
about N24 billion according to the
ex-governor's spokesperson, Prince
Dotun Oyelade.

When Vanguard visited the teaching
hospital at the weekend, almost all the
blocks of the four-storey buildings had
their roof tops blown off.

Bricklayers and other workers were
seen busy working on some of the
buildings still under construction at the
time Vanguard visited the hospital.

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 **nader** 1 month ago

THE ANT THAT ATE COLANUT IS INSIDE THE COLANUT,NORTHERNERS ARE THE ANTS IN NIGERIAS TODAY PRB,I PRAY THAT THE GOOD LORD WILL EXPOSE THEM,THIS IS TIME TO SEPERATE SHEEPS FROM GOAT,,,,,,,I SAID IT AGAIN ,,,,,,,,,,THIS IS TIME TO SEPERATE SHEEPS FROM GOAT,,,,,,,,,LETS KNOW WHERE WE STAND,,ENOUGH IS ENOUGH TILL WHEN

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 **BenAde** 1 month ago

It is unfortunate that innocent people are killed by the Boko Haram. But the fact remains that the Boko Haram agitation is perfectly legal and morallly right.

It is injustice for any other person/government to hold others against their will. Self determination is a universal right, the Boko Haram deserves to decide on how they want to live their lives provided they do not force other people to join them.

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 **Mars Hill Gems** 1 month ago



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Taiwo 1 month ago

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Nwalgbo 1 month ago

The simple truth is if Islam is a religion of peace how come ur imams havent spoken out publicly against this incessant menace by worshippers of your religion. Another quick comment if islam be religion of peace how come not all muslims are terrorists but all Terrorists are muslims..well if you can answer these questions then we can relate...God Bless you

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Shehu 1 month ago in reply to Nwalgbo

@ nwaigbo is timothy mc beigh a muslim?he bombed Innocent people at okhlohama in the US,there are numerous examples,are the Niger Delta militants,armed robbers and kidnappers muslims? about our imams how can they communicate with a faceless group,tell me?let me also remind you that just yesterday the SSS were interrogating the former governor because they suspect that boko haram is a political problem not religious,Why the hatred?the fact is whether u like or hate muslims there is nothing u can do about it,u should face the real problem,dnt act like an

uneducated person,be objective.

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Lawrence Ogedegbe 1 month ago in reply to Shehu

if boko haram is a political group howcom dier bombs are mostly targeted at churches.we hv neva heard of boko haram strikin a mosque.

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Nwalgbo 1 month ago in reply to Shehu

Shehu like i said not all muslims are terrorists but all terrorists are muslims..the guy you cited is like a judas and by the way how do i know he is a christian? that his parents gave him a christian name doesnt mean he is christian and he must have being influenced as christ brought peace to the world and always broadcasted peace and choice to all men. The Niger deltans where only fighting for their survival which is absolutely normal not the best way to go about it but normal and the kidnappers are agents of the devil no excuse for their crime. Islam has not for once being a religion of peace and that is my point. If this kind of atrocities where going on in the christiandom you would have had the leaders denounce and speak ill about such group doesnt matter if it is political or religious we all know they are muslims enough said ...Be more objective and analytical thanks

1 person liked this. Like Reply



jackson2j4 1 month ago

I think we all 've to show respect to each others religion, there are good and bad xtians just as there are good and bad moslems.Am a xtian of catholic faith,

For me evil is evil even if it is committed by a pope, unfortunately , the same is not for most of our muslim brothers and sisters,not only in Nigeria but across the globe,there is some form of solidarity among the group.It is evil when committed by an infidel, but even the worst atrocities when committed by members of the group are often overlooked, even when condemnations seldom come, they are not always honest, that where the difference lies between the two religion. No true religion uses violence and intimidation to propagate its faith or advance its course .Until the leaders of this faith come out openly and sincerely caution their followers, this will be an endless story.

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Odesola Ayodele Solomon 1 month ago

do u expect peace from a religion that says the Christians and the Jews are the worst enemies of islam? (not even the satan), a religion that declares a holy war on the Christians and the Jews and its followers will fight with their last blood but prefer to fight the devil with mere stones, Do u ever ask yourself why the Jews are been hated so much by the arab nations and they are ready to destroy Zionism at all cost? Jesus said pray 4 your enemies, do good to those who do evils unto you. the quran says " strike your enemies so hard in battle, slaughter the infidels. the bible says it has been set b4 a man life and death... meaning freedom of choice.

islams say " anyone who leaves islam should be seized and killed. Boko Haram is only doing what islam commanded them to do...

Yet no matter how long they kill us, persecute us and bomb us, we stand on the solid ground that can never be shaken.....

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