

criteria for a "foreign terrorist" listing because it either engages in terrorism that threatens the United States or has a capability or intent to do so.

More recently, a group of Republican senators led by Scott Brown of Massachusetts introduced legislation requiring the State Department to determine whether Boko Haram should be designated as a terrorist group.

Representative Patrick Meehan, who chairs a Homeland Security subcommittee in the House, also introduced an amendment that would force the administration to add Boko Haram to the terrorism list or explain why it was not doing so.

Boko Haram henchman Habib Bama shot, arrested

Meanwhile, Habib Bama ex-army officer allegedly responsible for bombings of UN offices in Abuja, Abacha barracks and other places has been arrested.

He was said to have been brought down in a shoot out with the JTF who shot and wounded him.

Habib was declared wanted early this year by the SSS, after the arrest and confessions of Boko Haram spokesman, Abul Qaqa

4 killed as midnight killings haunt residents

There was still palpable tension in Kaduna State, yesterday, despite claims by the government that the area was now calm as it was gathered that four people were killed at Kujama in a renewed clash between some Muslims and Christians. The Chairman of Kujama was, however, said to have explained on the Kaduna State Media Corporation, KSMC, that the fight took place in the market and not in the night.

At Mararaba Rido, Vanguard gathered that

rival groups moved from house to house in search of who to kill or maim as well as torching such houses.

This came as some medical officers at the 44 Military Hospital said that the mortuary was full with dead bodies even as four other victims being treated in the hospital died between Wednesday night and yesterday morning.

There were no fewer than 30 people with serious injuries in the hospital, even as more patients were brought in for admission same Wednesday night.

Reliable sources said the hoodlums took advantage of the absence of both military and police officers on the streets in the night to embark on reprisal killings.

It was said that the withdrawal of soldiers from the streets followed allegations that a ~~billable~~ adherent of a religion other than his own, thus inflaming passion on the side of the religious group which lost its member to the bullets from the soldier.

A resident of Barnawa who craved anonymity said, "there is curfew but without either the military or police on the streets criminals will not be deterred from carrying out their nefarious activities. The government cannot just declare a 24-hour curfew and leave the streets empty. It must deploy security agents on the streets to monitor compliance. We expect Governor Patrick Yakowa to do more by matching



actions with words," the source said.

Calm however seemed to have been restored in Kaduna town and environs, yesterday, at the time of this report.

Meanwhile, most streets in Kaduna were deserted throughout yesterday, with schools, filling stations, shops and offices remaining shut, as government reaffirmed its determination to enforce the curfew.

Governor Yakowa had in a statement by his Media Assistant, Mr ~~Keuben Bama~~ affirmed that the 24-hour curfew was still in force and warned residents to ensure compliance.

The statement read: "The Governor of Kaduna State, Sir Patrick Yakowa, once again commiserates with all. While sharing in their grief, it is however important to inform the whole state that the 24-hour curfew earlier imposed on the state is still in force and security agencies have been asked to ensure its full compliance.

"As distasteful as the imposition of the 24-hour curfew is, the good citizens of Kaduna State should understand that

the measure became necessary for the good of the state and the benefit of its citizens. People are expected to cooperate fully with security agencies saddled with the task of restoring full peace and order in our state. The Governor further calls on people to absolutely disregard all mischievous text messages and rumours being circulated on impending crisis or attacks. All these rumours are meant to further throw the state into chaos. He also calls on all the inhabitants of Kaduna State to show love to one another, regardless of religious or ethnic differences."

However, in the suburbs, residents sat outside, while youth converted open spaces into football fields, even as the wailing sounds of sirens from vehicles of security agents who patrolled the streets rent the air once in a while.

The ban on movements was said to be taking its toll on residents, most of whom did not store food and other basic items at home before the bombings and reprisal attacks between Sunday and yesterday.

BOMBINGS: Niger Delta Christian leaders say enough is enough

BY SAM EYOBOKA

LAGOS — CHRISTIAN leaders from the Niger Delta geo-political zone of the country have expressed disgust over the inability of the Federal Government and its security agencies to guarantee safety of lives. They have therefore called on innocent Christians in the country to defend themselves whenever

they come under attack.

In its reaction to the unrelenting violent attacks on Christians and their churches in the North, the group under the aegis of the Niger Delta Christian Leaders Forum (NDCLF) said it has lost confidence in the security system of the country. "We have also lost confidence in the ability of Government to protect the lives of Christians."

In a statement signed by its Secretary General, Bishop Eddy Bebor, the group argued that it is now clear to all that members of the militant Islamic group called are jihadists who will stop at nothing until their purpose is achieved.

The statement also argued that no one is left in doubt that the "Government cannot do anything to fight this terror.."