

Mubi that Boko Haram members chopped off the hands of 10 men accused of theft last Friday and burnt down churches. In a video released on October 2, Boko Haram showed the stoning to death of a man accused of adultery, a man having his right hand cut off for theft and a young man and woman given 100 lashes each for sex outside marriage.

Also, the civilian vigilante group was said to have beheaded some Boko Haram terrorists. A member of the group, Umar Hassan, said they and troops ambushed Boko Haram fighters last Friday as they prepared a raid on Sabon Gari village in the south of the state. "We killed 41 of them and decapitated them and brought the heads to Biu, which we displayed to people to demystify Boko Haram," he said.

Two Biu residents said the vigilantes put the heads on wooden spikes and drove around the town, telling people the Islamists did not have magical powers. "It was like hunters displaying their game after a hunting expedition," said, one Silas Buba.

Nigeria will remain unbroken—Jonathan

In spite of the security challenges, President Jonathan said, yesterday, that Nigeria would come out stronger than before, insisting that contrary to fears of possible disintegration being expressed by some people, it would remain unbroken.

He equally reiterated his commitment to the sustenance of free and fair election, assuring that the 2015 general election would be conducted according to international best practices just as he charged Nigerians to ensure the principle of "one man, one vote".

Dr. Jonathan, spoke in Abuja, through his Chief of Staff, Brig-General Jones Arogbofa, rtd, at the launch of a book titled: "Diverse But Not Broken-Wake-up calls for Nigeria", written by Nigeria's former Ambassador to Canada and one-time Head, Department of Theatre Arts, University of Jos, Professor Iyorwuese Hagher.

The President called on Nigerians to use their voters' cards to fight for their lives, children and future but said such must be done in a very decent and peaceful manner.

He said: "This is Nigeria and Nigeria belongs to us. We don't have to run anywhere, but stay here and use our voters cards to fight for our lives, our children and our future in a very decent and peaceful way. The title of the book reflects a lot and speaks volume. It adds colour to the rainbow that we have in Nigeria. We are a diverse people but we are never a broken people. We are all together even in diversity; this has proven itself repeatedly and is proving itself even now."

Insurgents invade Borno village, kill two, burn churches

Meanwhile, no fewer than two persons were feared dead while another person sustained gunshot wounds when a group of terrorists suspected to be Boko Haram sect on Wednesday invaded Whitambaya village of Hawul Local Government Area of Borno state.

The gunmen also burnt down two churches including the Church of Brethren in Nigeria, popularly known as E.Y.N church.

It would be recalled that the Caretaker Chairman of Hawul, Dr. Andrew Usman Malgwi complained of lack of military presence in his Council where a Pastor of Living Faith Church, Pastor Eluid Gwamna Mshelizza and 19 other residents of Shaffa town were slaughtered with over six churches burnt in the last one month.