



NGF COMMITTEE ON YOUTHS ENGAGEMENT —Governor Solomon Lalong of Plateau State and Chairman, Northern Governors Forum; the Emir of Zazzau, Ambassador Nuhu Bmali and Chairman of the Committee, during the Inauguration of the NGF Committee on Youths Engagement, Priorities & Inclusion in Kaduna, yesterday. Photo: Olu Ajayi.

Killings, banditry tell story of insecurity in North — NORTHERN ELDERS

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(CBN)'s prediction for the end of the year.

"Maintaining the recent trend, the food category led the index. It rose from 16.66 per cent year-on-year recorded in September to 17.38 per cent in October. The rise in food inflation shows that Nigerian households have continued to spend an increasing percentage of their incomes on food! This is not only regrettable but also unacceptable.

"We knew we were getting to this boiling point of our food insecurity, and had long alerted the appropriate authorities on possible ways of averting this, one of which has been our consistent call on the federal government, led by President Muhammad Buhari, to restructure the security architecture of the country for better efficiency so that farmers can return to their farmlands.

"Once again, we call on President Muhammad Buhari to, as a matter of urgent national priority,

sack the Military High Command and engage new and vibrant senior officers who are not in short supply.

"We further submit that unless and until adequate security was provided for our people in the North, the current food crisis which has pushed inflation rate to an astronomical height, will only get worse.

"We will like to state, without any sense of equivocation, that as insecurity threatens food sufficiency, so does it have the potential to erode whatever gains the Buhari-led administration may be laying claim to.

"We hold that as the President was able to select this crop of service chiefs in 2015, he still has the golden opportunity of recruiting even a better team, as all he needs is to assemble an intelligence team for that purpose.

"Our fear is that, if nothing urgent is done to restructure the security architecture in the country, the poverty situation may worsen, with consequential negative effect on the

already precarious state of insecurity."

Middle-Belt Forum

Meanwhile, the Middle-Belt Forum, MBF, has urged Kaduna State governor, Nasir El-Rufai, to order an investigation into the killing of the District Head of Gidan Zaki, Mr Haruna Kuye and his son, Destiny Kuye in the early hours of Tuesday by gunmen, as well as other attacks in communities in the state.

Recall that the military under the auspices of Operation Safe Haven, had reported that the duo were killed in their residence at Gidan Zaki, Zangon Kataf Local Government Area of Kaduna State early on Tuesday.

The security report further stated that the act was carried out by five men wielding AK-47 rifles and machetes, who left machete wounds on the district head's wife, a gunshot wound on his daughter's finger, and also tried to burn the house and a vehicle.

In a similar vein, the military said 11 people were killed a few hours earlier during an attack at Albasu village of Igabi local government of the Southern Kaduna.

yesterday, urged the governor to send members of an independent judicial panel of inquiry to the affected communities to investigate the attacks.

The Forum also urged the government to support and provide relief materials to those internally displaced by the insecurity in Southern Kaduna.

The statement read: "The late district head was a man of peace who cared for the well-being of his people, both natives and non-natives.

"We, therefore, appeal to Governor Nasir El-Rufai to immediately set up an independent judicial panel of inquiry to unearth the circumstances under which these killings were

perpetrated, with a view to bringing to book all those responsible for this unprovoked killings.

"The Forum also pleads with the governor to make public the outcome of the panel's investigation and ensure that those found guilty are punished to serve as a deterrent to others.

"We condole with the family of Mr. Haruna Kuye, and the people of Gidan Zaki, Atyap Chiefdom, Zangon-Kataf LGA and the entire Southern Kaduna over the tragic loss.

"We also pray to God to grant eternal repose to all those who died in the unjustified attacks. Their death came to us as a rude shock and brought the feeling of grave loss."

Three vigilantes killed in Kaduna

Also, three vigilantes were on Tuesday night killed in Chikun Local Government Area by bandits who laid ambush for them.

Kaduna State Vigilance Service, KADVIS, which disclosed this in Kaduna yesterday, said the vigilantes were killed at Dande village, while on their way from Damba-Kasaya in the Buruku general area.

According to KADVIS, those killed include Alison Musa, Dauda Audu and Ishaya Sarki, while Auba Tanko and Doza Adamu were injured in the attack.

Reacting to the killing yesterday, Kaduna State government in a statement by the

Commissioner for Internal Security and Home Affairs, Samuel Aruwan, said: "Governor Nasir Ahmad El-Rufai has sent condolences to their families and prayed for the repose of their souls, while wishing those that sustained injuries speedy recovery.

"The governor has also commended land and air troops of Operation Thunder Strike for a successful operation around Kuku area, at the Kagarko Local Government axis of Kaduna-Abuja Road.

"The governor said he received with gratitude, information that the first air strikes hit some of the target structures and neutralized some of the bandits, while the second wave of attacks was executed by a Nigerian Air Force helicopter gunship which provided close air support to the troops on the ground as they advanced from Kagarko via Kuku into the bandits' enclave.

"Similarly, armed bandits on Tuesday opened fire on motorists close to the Nigerian Defence Academy, NDA, access road, in Igabi Local Government Area. Troops responded and repelled the bandits.

"Citizens will continue to be informed of the security situation. Government appeals for vigilance and prompt reporting of suspicious movements and activities to the security agencies or through security operations room numbers and e-mail address."

AMCON takes over Jimoh Ibrahim's assets over N69.4bn debt

By Babajide Komolafe

THE Asset Management Corporation of Nigeria (AMCON) said it has taken possession of 12 prime assets belonging to Jimoh Ibrahim, the chief promoter of Global Fleet Oil & Gas Limited and NICON Investment Limited in Lagos and Abuja over indebtedness of

District, Abuja; NICON Hotels Limited building at Plot 557, Port-Harcourt Crescent, off Gimbibiya Street, Abuja and the building of NICON Lekki Limited also at No. 5, Customs Street, Lagos.

"The rest include the building of Abuja International Hotels Limited located at No. 3, Hospital Road, Lagos; another Property at Plot 242, Muhammadu Buhari

accounts belonging to Barrister Jimoh Ibrahim and his companies including Global Fleet Oil & Gas Limited and NICON Investment Limited all of who are defendants in the Suit No. FHL/L/CL/776/2016 presided over by Justice Aikawa on Wednesday November 4, 2020.

"The court also granted AMCON possession over all shares belonging to the

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