

# UN condemns killing of staff, others at Military Base in Borno

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**T**HE United Nations-Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN-OCHA) has condemned the killing of its staff and others at a Military Base in Damboa Local Government Area of Borno state.

This was contained in a statement signed by the Humanitarian Coordinator for Nigeria, Matthias

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to enter their defence to the charge against them.

Consequently, it upheld a no-case-submission the defendants filed to query the competence of the charge, even as it discharged and acquitted them of all the allegations against them. Lawal, who served as SGF under President Muhammadu Buhari, between August 27, 2015 and October 30, 2017, was arraigned alongside his younger brother, Hamidu, two others- Suleiman Abubakar and Apeh Monday- as well as two companies - Rholavision Engineering Ltd and Josmon Technologies Ltd.

The defendants were among other things, alleged to have connived and illegally diverted a contract the Presidential Initiative for North East, PINE, awarded for the removal of grasses in Internally Displaced Persons, IDP, camps, to his own company.

Schmale, on Friday in Maiduguri.

Recall that the Theatre Commander of Operation Hadin Kai, North East, Major General Christopher Musa on Thursday night disclosed that a soldier ran berserk in a military base, opened fire and killed a humanitarian staff of an Non- Governmental Organisations, NGO and also killed another soldier in the same base.

Not satisfied, the soldier also opened fire on the co-pilot of one of the UN helicopters to the theater before troops of Hadin Kai neutralized him.

According to General Musa, "yesterday's killing of a staff member of the humanitarian non-governmental organization Meedecins du Monde in Damboa, Borno State is deeply disturbing and sad.

"On behalf of the United Nations, I convey my heartfelt condolences to the aid worker's family and to her colleagues. I also wish a speedy recovery to a pilot working with the UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) who was injured in the deplorable attack by an apparently rogue soldier.

"All humanitarian staff working in north-east Nigeria deserve our fullest respect for their courage and commitment to stay and deliver life-saving assistance to people in need in often difficult and dangerous circumstances. Humanitarian workers must be protected.

"I laud the Government and the military's efforts to speedily investigate

yesterday's incident and urge them to strengthen remedial measures to prevent similar incidents in the future". Said Schmale.

In a related development, the District Head of Damboa Local Government Area, Zanna Lawan Maina expressed shock over the incident.

"I am right now in Abuja when I received a distress call from some of my subjects that there was a multiple gunshots at Military Base. The Theatre Commander, Major General Christopher Musa also called me on the same incidence.

"It is very unfortunate, but right now the situation is under control", the traditional ruler stated.

## Ashimolowo, B ministering at

By Ishola Balogun

**T**he senior Pastor of KICC International Church Pastor Mathew Ashimolowo, Bishop Tudor Bismark, Dr. Mensa Otabil, Bishop Wale Ajayi, Rev. Sam Chika, Rev. Tunde Bamgboye and Rev. Kachi Asugha, will be ministering at the 2022 Kingdom Life world Conference of The Redeemed Evangelical Mission (TREM) with the theme "Exceeding Glory2".

The conference will hold from the 20th of November to the 27th of November 2022 with an opening ceremony on the 20th of November, from 4 p.m. at The Cathedral of