

Intersociety's Statistical Data File Backing Our Reports On Massacre Of Christians In Nigeria

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- World Press Conference by Rev Joel Billi, President of Church of Brethren in Nigeria, 2nd July 2020: Disputing Government's Lies: While we remain committed as Nigerian citizens in supporting the government of the day in achieving its mandate, EYN was shocked at the Democracy Day Speech of President Buhari on June 12, where he said, "All the local governments that were taken over by the Boko Haram insurgents in Borno, Yobe, and Adamawa have long been recovered and are now occupied by the indigenes of these areas who were hitherto forced to seek a living in areas far from their ancestral homes." That was unfortunate, misleading, and demoralizing

The fact on ground is this: EYN had four District Church Councils (DCC) prior to the insurgency in Gwoza Local Government Area of Borno State, to which none is existing today. There are over 18,000 of our members who are still taking refuge in Minawao, Cameroon. There are also about 7,000 EYN members who are taking refuge in other IDP [internally displaced person] camps in Cameroon among which are Ngaudare, Bavangwala, Karin Beka, Zhelevede, Garin Njamena, Mazagwa, and Moskwata. Yes, there are people now in Gwoza town and Pulka, but all areas behind the Gwoza hills where the concentration of the Gwoza population is, are still not inhabited. The total number of IDPs in the Cameroon camps who are over 95 percent from Gwoza is over 47,000 people, who have never received attention from the government be it state or federal. The bulk of displaced members of EYN live in Maiduguri, Adamawa, Nasarawa, Taraba, the FCT, and some are spread across many states of the federation.

Displaced communities of Gwoza Local Government Area that are not inhabited are: Chinene, Barawa, Ashigashiya, Gava, Ngoshe, Bokko, Agapalwa, Arboko, Chikide, Amuda, Walla, Jibrili, Attagara, Zamga Nigeria, Agwurva, Ganjara, Zhawazha, Balla, Timta, Valle, Koghum, Kunde, Pege, Vreke, Fadagwe, Gava West, Sabon Gari Zalidva, Tsikila, and Hambagda. More worrisome is the fact that from the end of last year 2019 to June 2020, there had been over 50 different attacks on different communities carried out by the Boko Haram and most were either unreported or under reported by both the print and electronic media. I shall be specific with facts and figures to buttress my point.

1. On Dec. 25, 2019, Boko Haram attacked Bagajau community of Askira/Uba LGA of Borno State killing Christians. Damjuda Dali, the head of the household, and his two children with their friends were burnt down in their room--Daniel Wadzani, Ijuptil Chinampi, Jarafu Daniel, and Peter Usman. Others were Ahijo Yampaya, Medugu Auta, and Waliya Achaba.

2. On Dec. 29, 2019, Mandaragirau community of Biu Local Government Area of Borno State was attacked where 18 Christians were abducted. The older was Esther Buto, 42 years old, and the youngest of them was Saraya Musa, 3 years old. The church building and foodstuffs were destroyed as well as the primary school.

3. On the Jan. 2, 2020, Boko Haram attacked Michika Community of Adamawa State and abducted Rev. Lawan Andimi, the EYN District Church Secretary, also the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) Chairman for Michika LGA, who was gruesomely murdered on Jan. 21, 2020.

4. Jan. 18, 2020, was another dark day for EYN as Boko Haram attacked Kwaragilum village of Chibok LGA of Borno State and abducted six female members of EYN. They were: Esther Yakubu, Charity Yakubu, Comfort Ishaya, Deborah Ishaya, Gera Bamzir, and Jabbe Numba.

5. As if that was not enough, Jan. 27, 2020 was yet another gloomy day as Tur Community of Madagali LGA of Adamawa State was attacked by same Boko Haram Islamic fundamentalists where 10 EYN members had their houses looted and burnt.

6. Feb. 2, 2020, was catastrophic as Boko Haram again attacked Leho community of Askira/Uba LGA of Borno State, where all three of the EYN churches were burnt: EYN Leho 1, Leho 2, and Leho Bakin Rijija.
7. On Feb. 20, 2020, Boko Haram overran Tabang community of Askira/Uba LGA of Borno State abducting a 9-year-old boy. Mama Joshua Edward sustained bullet wounds and 17 EYN members' houses were razed down.
8. Feb. 21, 2020 was a black Friday for EYN as Garkida community, the birthplace of EYN, was attacked by Boko Haram. The first EYN church was burnt down. Two other churches--Anglican and Living Faith--were also burnt. The EYN Brethren College of Health Technology, EYN Rural Health Department and its vehicles, and prominent Christian houses and shops were looted and burnt. Mr. Emmanuel Bitrus Tarfa was abducted.
9. Feb. 29, 2020, was the date Boko Haram attacked Rumirgo community of Askira/Uba LGA of Borno State killing 7 persons amongst them one soldier, four Muslims, and two Christians.
10. On March 1, 2020, Boko Haram yet again attacked Rumirgo of Askira/Uba LGA of Borno State and carted away a truck loaded with foodstuff.
11. On April 3, 2020, Boko Haram attacked Kuburbula and Kwamtiyahi villages of Chibok LGA of Borno State, abducting and murdering three persons. They were Meshack John, Mutah Nkeki, and Kabu Yakubu. Over 20 houses were razed down.
12. April 5, 2020, witnessed the attack by Boko Haram on Mussa Bri, Askira/Uba LGA of Borno State. Looted and burnt were Christian shops belonging to Samuel Kambasaya, Yuguda Ijasini, and Matiyu Buba.
13. On April 7, 2020, Wamdeo community of Askira/Uba LGA of Borno State was overrun by Boko Haram. They burnt two vehicles, burgled stores, and killed five persons. Amongst those killed were Pur Thlatiryu, a security guard at the EYN Clinic, Ndaska Akari, and Yunana Maigari.
14. May 6, 2020 was a black day for EYN yet again as Boko Haram unleashed havoc on Debiro, Dakwiama, and Tarfa communities of Biu Local Government Area of Borno State, burnt two EYN churches, razed down the two villages and some houses in Tarfa, and killing Mr. Audu Bata.
15. May 12, 2020, was a day Boko Haram revisited Mussa Bri of Askira/Uba LGA of Borno State. They killed Luka Bitrus and Mrs. Ijaduwa Shaibu got several machete cuts.
16. On May 30, 2020, Kwabila village of Askira/Uba LGA of Borno State witnessed the dastardly acts of the Boko Haram. Dauda Bello, Baba Ya'u, and a female, Kawan Bello, were killed, while Aisha Bello, Rufa'i Bello, and Amina Bello sustained various degrees of injuries and were receiving treatment at Askira General Hospital. That was an attempt to wipe out an entire family.
17. Three days later, on June 2, 2020, Boko Haram returned to Kwabila village of Askira/Uba LGA of Borno State killing Bello Saleh, the head of the household, while Amina Bello, who had been receiving treatment, died in the hospital.
18. On June 7, 2020, Kidlindila community of Askira/Uba LGA of Borno State witnessed its own share of the Boko Haram attacks after experiencing such attacks twice in 2019. A lady by name Indagju Apagu was abducted, Wana Aboye sustained a gunshot injury, while Apagu Marau's car was carted away and several houses were looted.

19. June 16, 2020 was a thick cloud of man's inhumanity to man as Boko Haram devastated Mbulabam of Chibok LGA of Borno State, abducting a young girl by name Mary Ishaku Nkeke while her two brothers, Emmanuel and Iliya, went missing for three days.

20. The following day, June 17, 2020, the same Boko Haram came to Kautikari community Chibok LGA of Borno State killing three: Mr. Musa Dawa, 25 years old and married; Mr. Yusuf Joel, 30 years old and single; and Mr. Jacob Dawa, 35 years old and married. Five women and girls were abducted, all members of EYN. They are: Martha Yaga, 22 years old and single; Mary Filibus, 13 years old and single; Saratu Saidu, 22 years old and single; Eli Augustine, 21 years old and married; and Saratu Yaga, 20 years old and married.

21. Five days after that, on June 22, 2020, Boko Haram yet again invaded Kautikari community of Chibok LGA of Borno State killing Bira Bazam, 48 years old and married, and Ba Maina Madu, 62 years old. Three girls were abducted: Laraba Bulama, 20 years old and single; Hauwa Bulama, 18 years old and single; and Maryamu Yohanna, 15 years old and single.

22. The month of June ended on a sad note for EYN as Boko Haram attacked farmers of Nasarawo, Kautikari, of Chibok LGA of Borno State, killing Mr. Zaramai Kubirvu, 40 years old and married...

There are several villages and communities not occupied by their inhabitants, communities deserted due to continuous attacks by Boko Haram besides the ones mentioned earlier. The deserted villages are: In Chibok Local Government Area of Borno State, the following communities are deserted: Bwalakle, Nchiha, Kwaragilum A & B, Boftari, Thililaimakalama, Kakalmari, Paya Yesu B, and Jajere.

Communities in Askira/Uba LGA of Borno State: Bdagu, Pubum, Ngurthavu, Kwang, Yaza, Bagajau, Huyim, Shawa, Tabang, Barka, Gwandang, Autha, Paya Bitiku, Gwagwamdi, Yimirali, Dembu A & B. Communities in Damboa LGA of Borno State: Kubirvu, Bilakar, Klekasa, Kwamjilari, and Chillari. Communities in Madagali LGA of Adamawa State: Vemgo, Gulla, and Humshe. The persistent attacks by Boko Haram are not limited to the areas highlighted above in southern Borno and northern Adamawa States, but are also being experienced in northern Borno, Kala-Balge, Monguno, Kukawa, Mobar, etc. (World Press Conference, July 2, 2020 in Yola, Adamawa State)

- **Communities in South-East groan, as herdsmen take over farmlands**
<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2020/07/communities-in-south-east-groan-as-herdsmen-take-over-farmlands/amp/?fbclid=IwAR0U4JerRFWM8p-YwCiO6FZOrDQG3Ncs2YebAfmLPAHSPEz32CX-TGBVfJw>**(July 1, 2020)**

We cried out when Ozuitem community in Bende area of Abia State was invaded and attacked by the herdsmen and nobody did anything. People were slaughtered and property destroyed. A month later, another community in the same Abia State, Ndi Okereke Abam in Arochukwu council, was equally attacked by the herdsmen. Nothing was done. In early hours of April 6, 2019, the herdsmen attacked farmers' settlement in Anambra West Council of Anambra State. What about the dastardly attack on Umuawa-Ibu community in Okigwe council area of Imo State. In Enugu, on June 14, 2019, the same herdsmen attacked a commercial bus carrying traders, mainly women returning from the market along Agbani-Ugbawka road in Nkanu East council area and abducted three young women after they had robbed the traders.

The internal outcry over these atrocities has become deafening. These herdsmen also butchered a whole family and a Catholic seminarian on apostolic work in Nkanu. The story is the same Ebonyi and Imo States. In Imo State, herdsmen have unleashed terror in Oguta, Ohaji-Egbema and Orlu as well as other parts of Igbo land. And recently, the killing of Ozoemena Iriaka from Umuekpu in Agwa community in the same Oguta council area was added in the list of casualties of these murderous herdsmen.

Also lamenting the situation, Bishop Henry Okeke of Mbamili Diocese of the Anglican Communion expressed worry over the alarming spate of killing by herdsmen and called on the Federal Government of Nigeria to step up action in securing the country. Anambra West council area of Anambra State was one of the areas in State that have taken a big share of killer herdsmen attacks in recent times, particularly this year 2020; the farmers were attacked in their farm settlements and some lives were lost and they suffered the effects of the attack socially and economically. Odikpo Madubueze named some of the attacked communities to include Ifite Anam, Mmiata Anam, Umudeza Ebegbu and Iyiora Anam as well as Umuikwu Anam, Nzam, Inom, and Onono. They were attacked by the herdsmen in January, the beginning of our farming season and seven people were killed while many sustained both gunshot and matches injuries.

The traditional of Ifite Anam, Igwe Sylvester Udakor Nnose, said: "The herdsmen forcefully occupied their settlement in our communities without the traditional ruler and President and Chairmen of the communities' consent, yet they were allowed to stay even after forcefully occupying our land and the only way to pay us back for our magnanimity was killing our people". SEV learned that the recent herdsmen attack in Onicha council area, where an indigene of the State was alleged to have lost his life as a result of the clash between herdsmen and members of Ezube-Amankpuma village in Okawu community has been addressed.

During the recent incident in Onicha, the victim, Maduabuchi, was reportedly killed by suspected Fulani herdsmen and his body was found on along Onu Euka road, after Ukaba Development Centre. A motorcycle belonging to the deceased was also taken away by his killers. Killings in June: Other killings took place in Niger (5), Kaduna (15), Kogi (11), Taraba (16), Ebonyi (4), Benue (21), Abuja (7), Jigawa (3), Plateau (2), Adamawa (23). 152 killed in Borno by Boko Haram. The murder of The House notes the gruesome murder of Mr Eugene Iloabani in his farm at Isiokwe village, Amankpunato, Oji River LGA, Enugu State.

- News Express, July 1, 2020, a middle-aged woman who was allegedly raped to coma in a farmland at Ebenebe in Awka North local government area of Anambra State by suspected herdsmen has reportedly died in her home state of Ebonyi. the woman, whose name was given as Agnes Okekpe from Abakaliki local government area was said to be working on a farmland in the community as a labourer late last year when suspected herdsmen who went into the farm with herd of cattle allegedly gang-raped her until she lost consciousness. She was later taken to her state by her relations for treatment where she recently died. Daily Independent, 22nd June 2020, Food Scarcity: Uzodinma Accused Of Lip Service To Herdsmen Menace In Imo.

There are indications that most farmers across Imo State are no longer willing to go to farm for fear of being killed, harassed or raped by Fulani Herdsmen who allegedly invaded farmlands and forests in the state. DAILY INDEPENDENT gathered that farmers have abandoned their old yields such as cassava, yam, cocoyam and other crops ready for harvesting in their respective farms for fear of the unknown, and state of insecurity occasioned by the presence of killer Herdsmen. The first planting season that started as early as February 2020 has just ended without farmers achieving their desired goals of weeding and planting new crops in their farmlands. The emotional trauma of farmers and incessant invasion of the Herdsmen have apparently been responsible for food scarcity being experienced in the state.

Local Governments in the state where Herdsmen have inflicted collateral damage, causing rape, destroying farmlands, crops and untimely death of citizens of the area include; Ezinihitte Mbaise, Ngor/Okpala, Owerri North, Owerri West, Mbaitoli, Onuimo, Okigwe, Ehime Mbano, Ihitte-Uboma, Obowo, Ohaji-Egbema and Oguta Local Government Areas of the state respectively.

- Family Research Council, USA, 25th June 2020, Gilbert cites a number of the most recent examples of the ongoing carnage, such as the Islamist massacre of 81 people during an attack on Foduma Kolomaiya village in northeast Nigeria earlier this month as well as twin attacks that killed 20 soldiers and more than 40 civilians in Borno State on June 13. Similarly, jihadists recently [gunned](#) down a Nigerian Christian pastor along with his wife who were working on their farm in Taraba State, leaving orphaned the couple's eight children, ages 1 to 19, Gilbert notes.
- Vanguard, June 23, 2020, 10 Anambra communities lament as herdsmen destroy farmlands. RESIDENTS of 10 communities in Awka North local government area of Anambra State have lamented the destruction of their farmlands by suspected herdsmen.
- This Day, June 21, 2020, Ogbakha-Edo, a Benin socio-cultural group, yesterday lamented the activities of Fulani herdsmen in different parts of Edo State, alleging that they were taking over farmland and forest illegally. Also, the group lamented the influx of hundreds of youths from the north into the state, calling on security agencies and the state government to address the issue before it gets worse. In a statement by its Secretary-General, Dr. Osaretin Izeke, the group said apart from eye witness reports, the social media was awash with videos of young men coming into the city through long haulage trucks, or streaming in a dreadful surge in the streets of Benin City.

The statement said: "Ogbakha-Edo has in recent weeks observed with concern the sudden influx of hundreds, if not thousands of young able-bodied jobless men ostensibly of the Hausa/Fulani tribe from the northern parts of Nigeria and from outside the country, into Benin Kingdom, nay Edo South."

- Via Dr. Sandra Duru, June 21, 2020, Umumbara-Ahaba in Obi Orodo Community, Mbaitolu LGA, Jihadists butchered a man in his 60s and laid him by the side of his bicycle.
- June 15, 2020, Global Sentinel, Suspected Fulani herdsmen have reportedly killed over 10 people in Agatu, Benue State, North Central Nigeria. Agatu was the venue of 2015 massacre of about a thousand villagers by armed herdsmen on the guise of a revenge attack for their cattle that were either rustled or killed. Benue State is one of the hotbeds of violent clashes between herders who are mostly of ethnic Fulani group and local tribes who mostly engaged in farming. In the latest incident, an official of the State claimed that at least 10 villagers have been killed and many wounded by armed attackers. Agatu council chairman Usman Suleiman told local media that unidentified gunmen attacked villagers who were returning from the fields early Sunday. Noting that the wounded were taken to the hospital, Suleiman said security forces were dispatched and an investigation has been launched.
- Daily Post, June 14, 2020, The Middle Belt Forum, MBF, has expressed great concern with the way many communities in the region have come under what they called unprovoked and premeditated attacks by suspected herdsmen resulting in the loss of lives and massive destruction of property. The forum observed that amidst the COVID-19 pandemic that has resulted in lockdown in states of the country, it expressed dismay that many communities in the region have come under attacks by suspected Fulani herdsmen.

The statement by its National President, Pogu Bitrus, noted that killer herdsmen in the early hours of Sunday, June 14, 2020, launched an onslaught on Agatu communities in Agatu Local Government Area of Benue State, killing no fewer than nine persons and injuring 15 persons, adding that the attackers also razed down the Adana community and torched many houses in three communities of Olegogbeche, Olegeje and Olegede with the injured presently receiving medical treatment in undisclosed hospitals.

The forum further observed, “Penultimate Sunday, these bandits had invaded Igede communities of Itakpa and Echori in Okpokwu Council Ward of Obi Local Government Area of Benue State where they killed no fewer than 15 persons and injured 23 persons. Those who sustained various degrees of injuries were taken to hospitals in Oju and Otukpo LGAs, while hundreds of internally displaced persons took refuge at the IDP camp located at the Pilot Primary School Ibarike-ito.”

The statement noted that the renewed Benue attacks by those the forum described as “bloodthirsty herdsmen” is a reflection of the resurging insecurity ripping across various communities in the country. In Kaduna state, the statement added that agents of terror have continued to let loose their long fangs of horror and spreading dread, as tension continues to brew in Zangon Kataf Local Government Area of the state, pointing out that the killing of an Chawai young man over farmland by the Hausa ethnic group had led to the deployment of security personnel who shot another youth to death and left 14 other persons injured.

“The present tension in Kaduna state is coming on the heels of spates of killings and decimation of Adara communities in Kajuru Local Government Area where dozens have been killed and several villages sacked, with thousands rendered homeless and now in IDP camps and faced with a bleak future,” the forum lamented. In Niger state, according to the forum, Gbagyi, Kamuku, Ungwai and Bassa communities have also come under renewed attacks in Munya, Rafi and Shiroro Local Government Areas, with recent onslaughts claiming the lives of many people, including a cleric and kidnappings of others.

- CBNNews, June 8, 2020, Steadily Being Transformed into Killing Fields!: 10 Killed in Horrendous Attack on Christian Village in Northwest Nigeria
- [Christian Solidarity Worldwide](#) (CSW) reports 10 people, including a three-year-old girl, were killed in an attack by Fulani militants last week in on the Tudun Agwalla community in Kajuru, Kaduna state located in northwest Nigeria. The toddler, Elizabeth Samaila, suffered multiple machete cuts to the head and died on June 4, the day after the early morning attack on the village. Nine others were hacked to death with machetes. Six were identified as Richard Yusuf, Kefas Yusuf, Fidelis Wada, Kachia, Genesis Soja, and Rahab Soja. They were buried in a mass grave. The attack on Tudun Agwalla is the latest in a series of coordinated armed assaults on Christian communities in southern Kaduna state by Fulani militia, according to [CSW](#).
- The Daily Times, June 2, 2020, A pastor of Christian Reformed Church -Nigeria, CRC-N, in Donga local [government](#) area of Taraba state, Emmanuel Bileya have been killed alongside his wife, Juliana by militiamen. The duo were said to have been working on their [farms](#) when they met their untimely death.
- Daily Post, 3rd July 2020, Military killing, raping our wives, daughters – Tiv leaders allege. The leaders of Tiv people in Taraba State under the aegis of Tiv Cultural and social Association (TCSA) have accused the military posted to bring peace in Taraba of raping their wives and daughters, also destroying their properties in the name of manhunt for bandits in Southern Taraba. The statement, which was read by the President General of the association, Chief Goodman Dahida, accused the military of raiding Tse Juku and Akinde villages in Donga Local Government Area of the state on the 29th of June 2020 where the military allegedly killed a family of four during the raid. “The soldiers who drove in a vehicle marked NA 93AN 13 killed Vihishima Aondowase, his wife, 9-year-old child and a cousin who were returning from the hospital. “They also shot and wounded several others, instead of apologizing for their action of killing a helpless poor family, the military high command in Abuja addressed a press conference and hailed their men of killing bandits in Taraba State.

“This is not the first time the military is carrying out this kind of shoddy job in our area, last month, the Special Force deployed to Gbishe in the neighbouring Benue state carried out a raid on Gberifan Village in Takum Local Government Area of Taraba State, three houses were destroyed in the attack and three persons arrested. “Just last week, the military again carried another operation on Peva town, the house of the chairman of the Peva yam market was burnt alongside three other houses in the name of looking for bandits”.

“Their families and associates are not been harassed, what is the jurisdiction does the military now has to harass our poor farmers and refugees in their own land? At the same instances, we received complaints of military raping people’s wives and daughters at gun points, this is sad, it negates the principles of civil-military relations.”

- Globalsentinelnews, 16th June, 2020, In New Video, Boko Haram Seeks Alliance with Northwest Nigeria Jihadists. Militia Groups in North West Nigeria in A Process Of Sealing Allegiance With Boko Haram, reports HumAngle Jama’atu Ahlussunnah Lidda’awati Wal Jihad, the Shekau’s faction of Boko Haram, released a new video on the night of Monday, June 15, 2020, wooing armed groups in the North West and North Central. North West is recently under heavy and serial attacks from armed groups with many cases of kidnappings, banditry and cattle rustling, forcing many people to abandon their homes and flee to other locations, including the neighbouring Niger Republic.

The 13 minutes 49 seconds video, exclusively obtained by HumAngle, shows four speakers addressing viewers in English, Hausa, Fulfulde and French, appealing to people in Zamfara and Niger States to strive harder in the cause of Allah. “My brothers in Lake Chad, my brothers in Cameroon, my brothers in Sambisa, my brothers in Niger State, my brothers in Zamfara State; I urge us and encourage us to strive harder for the sake of Allah,” appealed a masked speaker with a blurred face. “Everything we do is for the cause of Allah, and I encourage you to keep doing it. Strive harder, because Allah instructed us in the Holy Quran to strive harder and harder for His cause. “You feel we kill. You feel we destroy. Allah has instructed us to kill everyone that is unbelieving,” he said.

- Ecocity News, 27th May 2020, Tension As Delta Community Recover Body Of 3 Persons Killed By Herdsmen. There is fear in Ugbolu/ Illah Community, Oshimili North Local Government Area, Delta State, as bodies of three persons killed by herdsmen were found. It was revealed on Tuesday that the bodies of the victims were mutilated beyond recognition making it difficult for members of the Ugbolu community to identify when they accompanied men of the Illah Police Division to the scene.
- The Sun Newspaper, 27th May 2020, Fulani killed 42 children, 646 made orphans in Plateau villages, pupils cry out. Primary school pupils in Bassa Local Government Area of Plateau State say Fulani bandits have killed 42 children and made 646 orphans in Irigwe communities in Bassa Local Government Area of Plateau State.

The children said most of them are homeless without parents, living in hunger and excruciating pains and begging daily for survival. ‘In Plateau State, from January 2017 till date, 42 children of Irigwe nation were killed by gunmen suspected to be Fulani herdsmen, 646 are left orphans, 3,148 left without food and shelter which was burnt and destroyed by Fulani herdsmen. We demand that the Federal Government bring all those involved in atrocities, war crimes and other human rights violations and abuses to justice in a fair trial.’ He noted that the children are left without food and most of them are homeless because their homes were destroyed and burnt by the Fulanis bandits. The children were brought together from Ancha, Nkiedowro, Jiri, Rotsu, Hausa community, Miango Central and other villages that have suffered attacks and loss of lives and properties.

- The Sun, 18th May 2020, (Fulani) Bandits with air support raided Niger villages; kill pastor, blind man, 3 others. **Banditry in Niger State took a different dimension on Sunday morning when raiders, backed by an unidentified helicopter, attacked no fewer than four communities in Shiroro local government area of the state, killing five people.** Among those killed in the early morning attacks were a pastor, who also had his church burnt down, a blind man and three other villagers. The communities that were overrun in the latest attacks are Nankuna, Nansa, Eburo and Lagodo, all in Erena District in Shiroro local government area. They spent over three hours operating here and the helicopter was just flying around.’

- Sahara Reporters, June 2, 2020, suspected herdsmen on Sunday attacked Itakpa Town under Obi Local Government Area of Benue State and killed many residents. Among those killed were a ward chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party and an unidentified contestant in the just concluded local government elections in the state. It was gathered that suspected Fulani herdsmen invaded the community armed with guns and machete and unleashed terror on the villagers.
- 13 killed by Herdsmen on 31st May 2020. Joseph Ipenyi, chairman of the council area said 13 people were killed.
- June, 14, 2020, Vanguard Newspaper, three killed in Adama Village, Agatu LGA, Benue.
- The Sun, 29th May, 2020, “Last night at about 9pm gunmen suspected to be Fulani herdsmen attack a vulnerable community in Miango District of Bassa LGA and killed five people; four were killed in a shop; they were customers who came to eat cooked noddles and one person was killed in another shop behind. No fewer than five persons were reportedly killed by suspected Fulani bandits at Nzharuvo community in Miango District of Bassa Local Government Area of Plateau State. It was gathered that suspected gunmen invaded the community at about 9pm on Thursday and open fire on people in a shop that sells noodles, leaving four persons dead including a 43-year-old woman, Asabe Samuel, the shop owner.

The resident of the community and Correspondent of International Committee on Nigeria, Xhyongo Nebanat gave the names of those killed in the shop as Asabe Samuel, 43, Audu Anadu, 48, Shedrack Joe, 25 and a 67-year-old secondary school teacher, Gideon Tuhku. Nebanat noted with dismay that after the operation, the bandits proceeded to another shop behind and killed a 35-year-old Iba Adi. He lamented that the attack took place few meters away from a mobil police base in the community.

- The 247UReports, June 6, 2020: Benue: Suspected Herdsmen Kill 11 Persons In Guma, Bringing Total To 22 In One Week. Suspected herdsmen have killed no fewer than 11 persons in Guma local government area of Benue state. Chairman of Guma local government, Mr Anthony Shawon, told newsmen that five persons were killed in Torkula, the village of the late Tor Tiv, Alfred Akawe Torkula, last Thursday while five were killed last Friday by the same herdsmen that numbered over 30. Shawon also said the herdsmen killed another farmer today being Saturday bringing the total number of persons killed in three days to 11, in addition to 11 others killed earlier..
- The Pointer News, July 4, 2020, NO fewer than five persons were reportedly killed and several houses razed in Gishiri Hassan village, Sariki Kudu district of Ibi Local Government Area of Taraba State by gunmen suspected to be Fulani herdsmen at the weekend. Gishiri Hassan is said to be mainly occupied by people from the Tiv ethnic group of Benue State. A resident of the village, James Iyorkia told newsmen at Ibi that the armed men numbering over 30 invaded the village and other surrounding villages at about 9:30pm and engaged in shooting and burning houses. Iyorkia, who said he escaped with his family to Ibi town, further said three persons were killed by the gunmen at Wurusu village, while two others were killed at Kiorkende village and several others sustained various degrees of injury.
- The Citizen Reports, July 1, 2020, The Senate on Thursday urged the Nigeria Police and other relevant security agencies in the country to carry out a comprehensive investigation into attacks by herdsmen on Echori and Itakpa communities in Benue state, with a view to arresting the perpetrators. The call by the upper chamber was contained in resolutions reached sequel to the consideration of a motion to that effect on the need for legislative intervention.

Sponsor of the motion, Senator Patrick Abba Moro (PDP – Benue South), noted with concern “the recent twin attacks of suspected Fulani herdsmen on two communities of Echori and Itakpa of Obi local government area of Benue South Senatorial District of Benue State on the 10th of May, 2020 and 1st June, 2020 respectively.”

According to him, a total of eleven persons were killed during the attacks on both communities. The lawmaker disclosed the names of the eleven persons killed to include: Innocent Joseph; Tony Ogbu Alapa; Christian Abe Igo; Sunday Atubu; Stephen Okwute; Okwu Joseph; Ogo Imuila Ogbu; and Friday Adekpe Ola. Others are: Cecilia Onah; Onah Ogaga; AKA Orisha; Linus Udor; Sunday Okarika; and Enokela Ameh. Moro expressed sadness that, “this is one in a series of attacks and kidnappings carried out by the herdsmen in communities in Benue South Senatorial District leaving in their wakes loss of lives and wanton destruction of properties.”

- On 12th May 2020, over 10 killed by Herdsmen in Gom Community, Numan LGA, Adamawa State (Dauda Atando Agbu, Helen Musa & Shishi Zhema (2020): Insurgency, Armed Herdsmen & Instability In Nigeria: A search For The Way Forward)
- Media Views, 10th June 2020: Benue lost over 60 persons in Benue Community to Herdsmen in April to early June 2020-Gov Samuel Ortom. Governor Samuel Ortom of Benue state has stated that suspected Fulani herdsmen have killed over sixty persons in Benue state in the last two months. Governor Ortom disclosed this on the occasion of the inauguration of the newly reconstructed yam market and the 200,000 capacity yam storage facility built by the Federal Government in Zaki-Biam, Ukum Local Government Area (LGA) of the state on Tuesday. The Governor said, “We are worried about the resurgence of armed Fulani herdsmen attacks on Benue people especially in the rural areas.

“Between April and June this year, over sixty (60) Benue people have been killed by herdsmen attackers across the state.” Benue state is ready to provide food security to the entire country but the activities of the Fulani herdsmen have continued to thwart this effort. “As one of the ways to halt these attacks, we call on the Federal Government to stop the continued free entry of armed herdsmen from other countries into Nigeria.

- On 23rd June 2020, Mr. Pam Bulus, 23 and Cgun Toma, 20 killed in Vatt Community of Foron District in Barkin Ladi LGA of Plateau State
- Global Sentinel News, July 3, 2020, ‘**Armed Bandits’ (Fulani Herdsmen) Abduct 30, Kill Two Vigilantes in North Central Nigeria.** Suspected Armed bandits, numbering about 50 were reported to have abducted 30 persons and killed two vigilante members in Nasarawa Local Area (LGA) of Nasarawa State, North Central Nigeria. The region is the epicenter of the Farmers-Herders conflict between the Fulani herdsmen and the indigenous farmers. The Chairman of the LGA, Muhammad Otto, confirmed that: “The armed bandits killed two members of the Vigilante Group of Nigeria (VGN) near Onda Hill. “The vigilantes were ambushed when they went after the bandits as they attempted to rescue the abducted people. “Their corpses were brought to Nasarawa from the area for burial.” Some sources said the gunmen numbering about 50 blocked the Udege/Loko road for hours on Monday. Fifty of the bandits rode on 25 motorcycles and kidnapped the people on Monday night.
- This Day Newspaper, June 1, 2020, Kaduna Community Urges Security Agencies to Recover 30 Corpses of Victims of Attacks. President of the Southern Kaduna Peoples Union (SOKAPU), Mr. Jonathan Asake, has appealed to security agencies to help in recovering corpses of over 30 people killed in the recent attacks on some communities in Kajuru Local Government Area of Kaduna State. He also faulted claims by the Kaduna State Police Command that the killings only took place in two communities, saying that over 20 communities, which include Anguwan Dantata, Anguwan Goshi, Anguwan Maigizo, Angwan Maidoki, Anguwan Jama’a, Makyali, Gonan, Rogo, Idazo, Magunguna, Angwan Rana and Kujeni, among others were attacked.

We were told that over 30 people that were killed have not been buried because nobody can go back to the communities again for fear of being killed. During the visit, victims of the attacks from several communities, including the village head of Anguwan Arha, Mr. Kedo Alkali, told the SOKAPU President that their attackers killed, looted and burnt their homes. The victims also said about 60 people were missing and expressed fears that they may have been abducted or killed in the bushes.

- From Adara PG: On the 23rd of April 2020, Kujeni, a remote village in Kajuru LGA was attacked. The Fulani terrorists retreated to the forest between several neighboring villages after killing two persons and burning down more than 25 houses and a church. Youths from the neighborhood mobilized and pursued the terrorists into the forest. To the shock of the youth, they were ambushed by a combined team of soldiers and Fulani terrorists accosted by some military vehicles. The soldiers used so much fire power on the youth which made them to flee and run for their lives in different directions. Some of the youth eventually returned to their villages safely. However, many of them are still missing to date. Those confirmed still missing and believed to have been killed are as follows:

1. Bako Machu
2. Titus Amadu
3. Isaiah Bako
4. Caleb Layi
5. Timothy Musa
6. Yahuda Mallam
7. Hakuri Maigida
8. Maigida Maisagi
9. Apolo Ali
10. Bulus Danzariya
11. Emmanuel Maikasa
12. Peter Ami
13. Haruna Dogo
14. Samuel Usman
15. Samson Ezekiel
16. Sunday Ezekiel

- Nigerian Security Tracker Weekly Update: May 30-June 5, dated June 18, 2020. May 30: Fulani Gunmen abducted five in Shiroro, Niger state. May 31: Herdsmen killed three in Akinyele, Oyo. May 31: Herdsmen killed thirteen in Obi, Benue. June 1: Boko Haram killed four in Konduga LGA and four in Damboa LGA, Borno. June 1: Fulani Gunmen killed one and kidnapped three in Shiroro, Niger state. June 4: Jihadist attacks or violence led to five deaths in Guma, Benue. June 5: jihadist attacks led to six deaths in Kwande, Benue. June 5: Jihadist attacks or violence led to eleven deaths in Bali, Taraba. June 6-12, 2020, June 6: Jihadist attacks or violence led to four deaths in Bali LGA and two deaths in Donga LGA, Taraba. June 6: Herdsmen killed twelve civilians in Guma, Benue. June 9: Boko Haram killed eighty-one and kidnapped six in Gubio, Borno. June 9: mixture of communal and jihadist violence led to twenty-three deaths in Lamurde, Adamawa. June 10: Boko Haram killed four in Damboa, Borno.

June 13-19, June 13: ISWA killed forty civilians in Nganzai, Borno. June 13: ISWA killed thirty-one civilians in Gubio, Borno. June 14: Jihadist violence led to two deaths in Bokkos, Plateau. June 20-26, June 20: Boko Haram killed six in Gubio, Borno. June 21: Boko Haram killed five in Magumeri, Borno. June 24: Fulani Bandits killed four in Shiroro, Niger state. June 25: Fulani Gunmen killed two in Barkin Ladi, Plateau. June 30: Boko Haram militants killed forty-eight in Monguno, Borno. June 30: Jihadist violence in Barkin Ladi, Plateau, resulted in six deaths. July 1: Jihadist violence in Barkin Ladi, Plateau, resulted in six deaths. May 16-22, May 17: Boko Haram killed twenty in Nganzai, Borno. May 17: Fulani Bandits killed five in Shiroro, Niger state. May 28: Fulani Gunmen killed five in Bassa, Plateau.

- **More Facts Concerning Ongoing Islamization In Nigeria:** Report by two Christian missionaries in Bali Local Government Area of Taraba State, dated 31st May 2020 was a shocking one. Mr. David Bumba and Mr. Haruna Thomas both missionaries had reported to TASCOMO that some Fulani Herdsmen violently took eight rural Christians in the area in a village called Jauro Afe on the ground that “their cow died close to their village and for that reason the villagers must pay”. This is just one of the ways they have been victimizing and intimidating local Christians in the area as well as other interior villages in the north.

They (missionaries) also told us that the following villages were all Christian villages before but now fallen to Islam just because of materials inducements using items like motor cycles, sugar, generators, wrappers etc. Among the formerly Christian villages in Taraba State, but now converted to Islamic villages are: Gomboni, Diko, Obadaya, Wurbo, Dobbam, Bangoni, Tunga, Kwanti-jassa, Nadukku and Jatau.

Lastly, in Duuru Village which is one of the villages in that location, a Pastor got converted to Islam recently because of neglect, intimidation and frustration. Some got converted just to buy peace. Sadly, most churches in cities are ignorant or have put up a nonchalant attitude. These have been going on for a while. The sole plea of these endangered Christians was that they should be helped with materials and finances for evangelism. They also need our frequent visit to encourage them.

“Beloved, what is going on quietly all over Nigeria from village to village is terrible. There is a ground Islamic take over through various means while Christians are sleeping and enjoying their lives in the cities. There is an underground conversion to Islam going on. Many interior villagers are converting to Islam because of poverty and ignorance. These include interior villages in the southeast (Igbo Land) and southwest (Yoruba Land) and not just in the north. During our last mission visit before the Covid-19 lockdown to a village in Itesiwaju LG of Oyo state, it was part of our discoveries”.

“This is why one of the National Emergencies the Global Christian Update Magazine has spotted is Mission Emergency. As our young men and women are busy migrating to the cities, Fulani and other caliphate missionaries are infiltrating and taking over Christian villages. Through their efforts (violence and inducements), such Christian villages are being turned to Islam. There are many villages in Nigeria with churches before but now, there are no churches any longer but mosques. The fact is that there is a comprehensive plan on the ground to Islamize Nigeria”. Source: Global Christian Update Magazine of the World Mission Resource Center, June 2020.

- **UK’s APPG Report: Unfolding Anti Christian Genocide In Nigeria?:** The All-Party Parliamentary Group for International Freedom of Religion or Belief, United Kingdom, has launched a new report in Westminster today, 15th June 2020, entitled [Nigeria- Unfolding Genocide?](#) The report launch featured speeches from the Chair of the APPG, **Jim Shannon MP**, Co-Chair **Baroness Cox**, and **Rebecca Sharibu**, the mother of Leah Sharibu who was kidnapped by Boko Haram two years ago and has yet to be released.

Background: APPG members have been alarmed by the dramatic and escalating violence in Nigeria characterised as the farmer-herder conflict. This violence has manifested along ideological lines, as the herders are predominantly ethnic Fulani Muslims and the farmers are predominantly Christians. There has been significant debate about what factors are driving and exacerbating this crisis. Therefore the APPG launched a parliamentary inquiry to help develop a nuanced understanding of the drivers of violence and increase parliamentary, public and Governmental interest in the issue. The report is the result of that inquiry.

Impact: The APPG’s inquiry found that Nigerian Christians are experiencing devastating violence, with attacks by armed groups of Islamist Fulani herders resulting in the killing, maiming, dispossession and eviction of thousands. The exact death toll is unknown. However, Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust quote reliable reports that over 1,000 Christians were killed between January-November 2019, in addition to the estimated 6,000+ deaths since 2015.

International Crisis Group estimate that over 300,000 people have been displaced and that the violence has claimed the lives of six times more people than the conflict with Boko Haram. Violence by herders, and periodic retaliatory violence, is costing the Nigerian economy £10.5 billion per year.

Causes: The report finds that a key factor driving this violence is the impact of the growing power and influence of Islamist extremism across the Sahel, which drives some militant Fulani herders to target Christians and symbols of Christian identity such as churches. Indeed, hundreds of churches have been destroyed, including over 500 in Benue State alone. Other key factors driving this violence include climate change, desertification, and resource competition, the influence of politics, criminality, the ready availability of firearms and the spread of misinformation.

Attacks by armed groups of Islamist Fulani herdsmen have resulted in the killing, maiming, dispossession and eviction of thousands of Christians. These factors are compounded by the Nigerian Government's failure to respond adequately to the violence, to protect communities or to bring perpetrators of violence to justice. These issues need to be addressed if we are to save lives and improve the welfare of civilians and the report makes many recommendations about how this can be done.

Comments From The Chair Of The APPG: In the Foreword to the report, Jim Shannon MP, Chair of the APPG for International Freedom of Religion or Belief says: *Over my ten years as a Member of the UK Parliament, the COVID-19 crisis has surely been one of the most difficult and surreal challenges I have experienced. Constituents have told me of their physical suffering, of job losses, and the pain of not being able to visit their loved ones. This widespread and tremendous difficulty is a somewhat novel experience for many of us in the UK but for countless Christians living in Nigeria, extreme challenges are nothing new.*

Shockingly for a Commonwealth country, Nigeria ranks twelfth on Open Doors World Watch List 2020 of the countries in which Christians are most persecuted. By comparison, Syria ranks eleventh and Saudi Arabia ranks thirteenth, with Iraq fifteenth and Egypt sixteenth. One of the main drivers of this persecution in Nigeria is the militant group Boko Haram who frequently abduct and kill those who refuse to conform to their extremist brand of Islam. Unfortunately, Boko Haram are not the only threat that Nigerian Christians face. Attacks by armed groups of Islamist Fulani herdsmen have resulted in the killing, maiming, dispossession and eviction of thousands of Christians.

As Parliamentarians, I believe it is our responsibility to speak out on behalf of all the survivors and victims of violence, and all those who are suffering but who cannot speak out for themselves. One such survivor is Leah Sharibu, whose mother I was honoured to meet on a recent London visit. Two years ago, 14-year old Leah Sharibu was abducted by Islamist extremists from her school in Dapchi, north-east Nigeria. There are reports that she was enslaved, raped and impregnated, giving birth to a child, and that she has been denied her freedom for refusing to convert to Islam as a precondition for her release. There are thousands of Leahs held all over Nigeria, and across the world. This report is dedicated to her and the millions of others who suffer so unspeakably. Its purpose is to explore the drivers of conflict and to highlight the seriousness of the situation and the level of injustice that Nigerian Christians face.

Among all the injustices for the UK to help correct in the near future, the widespread and growing persecution of Christians should be top of the list. Thus, as the UK faces the challenge of lockdown and mass quarantine for the first time in living memory, I ask you to please spare a thought for those Christians who face not only a pandemic but also threats of violence and persecution that we can't imagine. The report urges the Government of Nigeria and the international community to implement its recommendations to help save the lives of Nigerian citizens and to improve their welfare.

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- **Seven Christian Women Abducted & Forcibly Converted To Islam:** No fewer than seven women including a married Christian woman were abducted in the months of March and April 2020 (23rd March and 30th April) and married off to radical Muslim men and forcibly converted to Islam. Five, out of the seven were kidnapped in Kaduna and one in Kano. The married Christian lady among them was abducted from her marital home in Katsina and forcibly married off to a radical Muslim man. This shocking story was according to the Christian Persecution Int’l, published on 18th May 2020, quoting the International Christian Concern and the Hausa Christians Foundation (HACFO). The story added that “out of the five girls abducted in Kaduna, three have been rescued and two remained in captivity till date” and that “the Christian marriage of the only married woman among the seven abductees who was a mother of two living with her husband in Katsina State, has been nullified by Muslims”.
- Daily Post, July 11, 2020
Suspected Fulani Herdsmen on Saturday killed 20 people in Chibuak and Kigudu II communities in Kuru Local Government Area of Kaduna State in a renewed violent attack. The Parish Priest of Damakasuwa Outstation, Rev. Fr. Aaron Tanko, who oversees the two communities, confirmed to DAILY POST that, 20 persons were killed while some others were still missing. Also, a resident in the area who claimed he escaped narrowly said the gunmen entered the two communities in the midnight of Friday, and Thursday while the villagers were fast asleep, killed 20 people, and injured several others while several others are still missing.

The middle-aged man who refused to disclose his name for fear of attack said the bandits launched another attack on Saturday on Kigudu II where the villagers were preparing for a mass burial of some of the victims who are members of Catholics church. The Parish Priest of Damakasuwa Outstation, Rev. Fr. Aaron Tanko, added that, although the bandits were repelled by security personnel, the burial ceremony was conducted without the usual rites. He said in Chibuak village, nine people were killed while 11 were killed in Kigudu II.

Given a comprehensive account of the killings, he said, “The attacks took place on Thursday and Friday at midnight. Chibuak was attacked on Thursday and nine people were killed. They attacked Kigudu II on Friday night and killed 11 people. “Some people are still missing so I cannot conclusively say this is the casualty figure. Some of those killed are my parishioners and other Christians of other denominations. “We were preparing for the mass burial of our Parishioners this morning (Saturday) in Kigudu II but we could not do it when the herdsmen came attacking us again. Many of our villagers are at the mercy of Fulani herdsman. They are always well-armed and they invade our communities and kill people at will. “There are villages where people cannot even go to their farms for fear of being killed by herdsmen,” the clergyman said

- Daily Post, July 11, 2020. Governor Samuel Ortom of Benue State has called on President Muhammadu Buhari to declare armed herdsmen killing innocent people in communities of Benue State as terrorists. The Governor made the call following repeated herdsmen attacks on different communities of the state in the last couple of months. The latest of such attacks took place on Friday night at Tse-Chembe community near Anyiin in Logo Local Government Area. The herders allegedly murdered seven persons in cold blood and left many others badly injured. Reacting Ortom in a statement by his Chief Press Secretary, Terver Akase, condemned the invasion and killings. Describing the situation as unacceptable, Ortom reiterated that the State has a law which prohibits open grazing of livestock.
- News Express, July 13, 2020: The mouthpiece of Southern Kaduna, the Southern Kaduna Peoples Union (SOKAPU), has raised the alarm over what it described as continuous killing of its people. It lamented 22 natives have been killed in fresh attack on communities in Zangon Kataf Local Government Area. SOKAPU, in a statement on Sunday evening by its National Public Relations Officer, Luka Binniyat, expressed dismay the attack was carried out in the communities despite ongoing 24 hours curfew imposed in the local government area. It alleged: “In the early hours of Friday, 10th July, 2020, precisely around 1:30 am, the suspected Fulani militia invaded a remote, peaceful farming community called Chibob in Atyap Chiefdom, Gora ward of Zangon Kataf Local Government Area.

“The unprovoked attack ended in the massacre of Nine (9) Atyap natives, mostly women and children who were murdered in their sleep in the most barbaric manner imaginable, adding that the invaders also burnt down over 20 houses, destroyed farmlands, rustled 24 cattle and other livestock, looted foodstuff and other property of the villagers. “As the curfew persisted, in the early hours of the following day, being Saturday the 11th July, 2020, this militia continued their attacks in neighbouring remote communities. In particular, they attacked Kigudu community which is close to Chibob, located at the boundary between Zangon Kataf and Kauru LGAs.

“This led to the death of 10 women, an infant and an old man who were burnt to death inside a house they had taken refuge. Some of the corpses were burnt into ashes. Four homes were razed. This brought the death toll to twelve (12) in that community. With the curfew still in rigid enforcement, Anguwan Audu, a Surubu village, still under Gora ward was invaded this morning of 12th July, 2020, where the village was looted and entirely burnt and one person killed. “This brought to a total death toll of 22 persons in three days of unbroken attacks under a 24-hour strictly imposed curfew that has been running for 31 days today. The number has increased to 2

- Vanguard Newspaper, July 14, 2020: I was gang-raped by herdsmen, offered blood to drink as water — Kidnapped victim. Twenty-five-year-old Victoria Okocha, yesterday, gave a chilling account of how she was abducted by suspected herdsmen in Isa-Ogwashi-Uku area of Delta State, gang-raped and forced to drink another victim’s blood as water, while in her captors’ den. Okocha left her home town in Ubulu-Uku, Aniocha South Local Government Area of the state last Friday, heading for Asaba, the state capital, when they sighted a fallen tree across the road at Isa-Ogwashi. Apparently thinking the fallen tree was as a result of the downpour the previous day, the driver, according to her, kept moving toward the direction, until they discovered too late that it was used to barricade the road.

She said: "By the time the driver attempted to reverse, it was too late as a man armed with a cutlass, hit his side window in an attempt to drag him out of the vehicle. Passengers hurriedly jumped out and ran into the bush in different directions. "But I was unlucky because I had cramps and fell. Another one got hold of me and dragged me into the bush, while the driver, who was inflicted with machete cuts managed to escape. "They took me far into the bush and demanded N20 million ransom. When I told them my family could not afford that amount because we are poor, they threatened to cut my breasts and pluck out my eyeballs from their sockets if they did not get the amount. "They were five in number and only one of them could speak English. I was blindfolded and had my hands tied. Five of them took turns to rape me that night.

"When they contacted one of my relatives, Afamefune, he begged that they reduce the amount and they agreed to reduce it to N5 million. I stayed with them for two days before my people could raise some money, which was dropped at a designated place. They also collected N2,000 out of the N3000 cash I had in my bag. Offered blood to drink "In my weak state, I begged them to give me some water to drink and they offered me blood. The blood was that of a lady they kidnapped and murdered while I was there. They also drank out of the blood. "Leader of the gang, who could speak English, told me that their intention was also to kill me because my family did not give them a reasonable amount. But he intervened by sending other members away and told me to run away, showing me the direction to take. I was able to locate the road, where I saw a vehicle that was heading towards the direction of my village."

- By Eyewitness Account, 18th July 2020, not fewer than four defenseless Christians were killed by Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen on 17th July 2020 in Ifale Doka Avong Community in Kajuru Local Government Area of Kaduna State. Among those killed were: Gloria Shagari, 25-year-old, Docas Shagari, six-year-old, Faith Shagari, three-year-old and Hussani Danda, 40-year-old. Houses belonging to the following were burnt: Amos Yakubu (two rooms), Shatta Galafima (two rooms), Maitamaki Galadima (one room), Friday Jibo (five rooms), Linus Yusuf (three rooms), Yohana Sabo (one room), Patrick Sabo (one room), Obasanjo Korau (two rooms) and Ezekiel Taminu (three rooms). Rev TM Gambo was injured.
- By the Channel Television report of 20th July 2020, (Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen) Gunmen Kill 21 In Fresh Kaduna Village Attack. **At least 21 people have been reported killed while 28 others sustained various degrees of injuries when gunmen attacked Kukum Daji Village of Kaura Local Government Area of Kaduna State on Sunday night.** the President of the Community, Mr. Yashen Titus told Channels Television that the gunmen, suspected to be herdsmen, invaded the venue of a wedding party in the community at about 10 pm on Sunday night. Titus, who explained that the suspected herdsmen opened fire on the people who attended the party, said 19 people died on the spot while two others later died at the hospital. The remaining injured ones according to him were rushed to the Barau Dikko teaching hospital and other clinics in the state capital for treatment.
- **...38 Christians Slaughtered on July 7, 2020:** Kaduna has been experiencing a series of attacks with a recent one carried out two weeks ago. No fewer than 38 persons lost their lives in separate attacks on two villages in Sanga Local Government Area of Kaduna state on July 7. The Council Chairman, Emmanuel Adamu, who confirmed the attack, said the (Jihadist Fulani) gunmen unleashed mayhem on Ankpon Village in Nandu and Kabamu Village in Fadan Karshi, all of Numana district. While describing the incident as unfortunate, he said the gunmen killed 38 persons including women and children.
- By the account of Channel Television, July 19, 2020, Gunmen Kidnap Policewoman, Daughter, 4 others In Kaduna. Gunmen suspected to be Fulani Herdsmen have abducted a policewoman, her daughter, and four other persons at Bagado Village near Patrick Yakowa way in Chikun Local Government Area of Kaduna state. Although police authorities are yet to confirm the incident, eyewitnesses say the incident happened in the late hours of Saturday night (July 18), when the bandits stormed the community and started breaking into people's houses shooting sporadically into the air. Sources say the gunmen abducted most of their victims after pulling down the windows and burglaries of the houses, while others were ordered to come out at gunpoint.

- A PUBLIC STATEMENT BY AWEMI DIO MAISAMARI NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF ADARA DEVELOPMENTASSOCIATION (ADA) ON 20th JULY 2020.

The Adara Development Association (ADA) mourns the senseless massacre 17 (21) persons in the Kagoro community of Kukum Daji in Kaura LGA (on 20th July) which is the latest theater of the ethnic cleansing going on in Kaduna State. Indeed we mourn with victim communities (including Hausa commoners in the far North) of the 21st century Fulani Jihad all over Nigeria who have endured or are now enduring Fulani terrorist bestiality.

We believe by now, the following immutable words of Albert Einstein should become apparently prophetic. He said "The world is a dangerous place, not because of the people who do evil, but because of the supposedly good people who refused to do anything about it" Specifically, because the Nigerian government refuses to prioritize and effectively perform its minimum constitutional duty of protecting lives and properties, the unfolding Nigerian holocaust has continued or escalated unabated.

1. We may recall that on Thursday, 16th July, Fulani terrorists descended on Mai-ido and other neighboring villages in Kachia LGA of Kaduna State and made a mass abduction of 32 people. In the process, four persons were killed three of which have confirmed to be John Auta, Danjuma Bala and Christopher Ayuba. Also recall that in my press statement of 7th July, 2020, the interception of two vehicles bringing Fulani terrorists to the area was reported.

2. On Friday, 17th July 2020, Mr. Ayuba Bulus, a 34 years old farmer, married with 2 children from Doka Avong Village in Kajuru LGA was killed by suspected Fulani terrorists on his farm. Later in the day, the suspected Fulani terrorists moved on to attack Efele, an Adara settlement in the same locality. Four persons were gruesomely hacked to death and many houses burn down before the blood thirsty murderers were dislodged.

The victims are Gloria Shagari (25 years) and her two children Dorcas and Faith Shagari aged 6 and 3 years respectively. The other victim is Hussaini Daudu aged 40 years. In addition, the Reverend Thomas M. Gambo of the local Baptist Church was seriously wounded and is lying in a critical condition in the hospital. His motorcycle was also snatched and yet to be quantified properties and farms were destroyed.

3. The Adara Development Association has continued to raise alarms about the continuing genocidal carnage in Adara land and other Southern Kaduna communities. And yet the government of Kaduna state has belligerently continued to turn a blind eye to the atrocities.

- By the account of Daily Post, Southern Kaduna attack: 11 killed, others injured in Gora Gan. About 11 people have been confirmed killed Monday night (July 20) in a fresh attack in Gora Gan village, Zangon Kataf local government area of Kaduna State by suspected Fulani militias. Also, about seven were reported to have different degrees of injuries and have been rushed for treatment in an undisclosed hospital, with others missing.

The CAN Vice Chairman of the local government area, Pastor Isaac Ango Makama who confirmed the attack to DAILY POST, said the attackers numbering 50, stormed the village at about 7pm and started shooting sporadically, leading to the loss of lives and burning of undisclosed number of houses. He said that most of the corpses have so far been deposited at the Zonkwa General hospital while some of the villagers are still searching for their loved ones. He called on individuals and organisations to come to the aid of the affected villagers to assist them at this trying moment with foodstuffs and other materials of livelihoods. He added that Internally Displaced Persons, IDPs, camp at Zonkwa is daily receiving more displaced people coming to take shelter. Secretary of Mercy IDP camp in Zonkwa, Mr. Ezekiel James disclosed that the camp has registered 559 people who have fled from neighboring villages, with more coming in to take shelter.

- **Seven Christians Hacked To Death In Agwala Madayaki (Southern Kaduna):** Eyewitness: The Agwala Madayaki of Doka Avong Community, located in Kajuru Local Government Area of Kaduna State, was attacked by the Jihadist Herdsmen on Thursday evening, 23rd July 2020 around 7pm; killing the following seven Christians: (1) John Mallam, 80-year-old, (2) Livinus Danmori, 45-year-old, (3) Albarka Mallam, 85-year-old, (4) Jumare Sule, 76-year-old, (5) Hannatu Garba, 55-year-old, (6) Daniel Mukadas, 70-year-old and (7) Thaddeus Albarka, 32-year-old. The seven dead victims were buried on 24th July 2020. The Community was earlier invaded by the same Jihadists on 20th July leading to death of seven Christians.
- **13 Christians Killed In Kafanchan (Southern Kaduna):** Eyewitness: The Community, a semi urban town in Fanstwam Chieftdom, Jemaa Local Government Area of Kaduna State, was attacked around 7pm on Friday, July 24, 2020 by Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen who rained bullets on the innocent natives and looted and vandalized their properties at will. After burning part of the Community, they gruesomely murdered the following ten defenseless Christians: Joel Cephas, 5-year-old, Kingsley Raphael, 28-year-old, Katung Kantiock, 60-year-old, Luka Garba, 75-year-old, Victor Ishaya, 22-year-old, Madam Dakaci, 52-year-old, Pastor Shama Kuyet Ishaya, 25-year-old, Cecelia Audu, 65-year-old, Martina Dauda, 70-year-old and Yanasan Dauda, 70-year-old. Those fatally wounded included Mrs. Jonathan Ishaya, Martins Agang, Kassin Duniya and Jenifer Nicodemus. These were according to the Southern Kaduna Peoples' Union. Also killed in the Kafanchan attacks were the father of Joel Amadi and two of his cousins. Joel Amadi is a popular Musician from Igbo part of Benue State.
- Earlier on Wednesday, July 22, 2020, five people (Christians) were killed in an attack on Kizachi-Chawai community, Kajuru Local Government Area. Names of the five slain Christians are: Kefas Monday, 17-year-old, Lydia Monday, 14-year-old, Little Jummai, 9-year-old, Giwa Thomas, 14-year-old and Livinus Yohanna, 27-year-old. Monday Ibrahim, 45-year-old and Alheri Garba, 13-year-old were seriously or fatally injured. Source: <https://punchng.com/again-gunmen-kill-seven-in-southern-kaduna/>/SOKAPU
- By the account of Punch Newspaper of Monday, 27th July 2020, Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen on Sunday night, 26th July 2020, went on target killing when they invaded the residence of Barr Haro Gandu, younger brother of a former Commissioner for Economic Planning in Kaduna State, Timothy Gandu and killed. The wife and son of the slain lawyer were also abducted and are presumed dead. The slain lawyer, before his killing, was a staff of Kaduna State Ministry of Justice.

His targeted killing is likely to be in connection with his faith and role in challenging the ongoing butchery against his fellow Christian natives in the State. He was killed after the Jihadists invaded his house and pulled down one of his windows to gain an entrance. The former commissioner said the bandit first shot his brother in the shoulder and that as he attempted to escape, he was shot in the back. Gandu said after he was killed, the bandits went ahead to abduct his wife and son.
- By the account of Vanguard Newspaper of July 7, 2020, two Christian Livestock Guards (Citizens Aondohemba and Gbair) were ambushed and killed on 6th July 2020 between 1pm and 2pm by suspected armed herdsmen in Tombo Council Ward, close to Ayilamo in Logo Local Government Area, LGA, of Benue State. Their corpses were then removed by the personnel of the Nigeria Security Civil Defense Corps in the area between 4 pm and 5 pm and taken to Ugba. "The corpses were thereafter handed over to the Police in Ugba and later taken away and deposited at the mortuary in Ugba.
- By Eyewitness account of 31st July 2020, Yohanna Yakubu, 28-year-old father of two children was attacked and killed by Jihadist Herdsmen in his farm around 10.30am on 30th July 2020 at Ungan Mudi in Doka-Avong, along Kaduna-Kachia Road in Kajuru Local Government Area. The deceased younger brother, who survived the attack, identified one of the attackers as Shede Alhaji Malugi, a Fulani who used to live nearby before the spate of the recent attacks.
- **14 Massacred Kogi Christians Camouflaged As "Victims of Communal Reprisal":** Contrary to the statement of the Kogi State Police Commissioner, Ede Ayuba Ekpeji, the 14 defenseless citizens slaughtered in Kogi State on 29th July 2020 are most likely to be victims of Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen killings.

The early morning attack was also strongly believed to bear the imprint of Jihadist Herdsmen attacks who may most likely to have staged the attacks so as to blame same on “communal violence or reprisal”. According to the authorities of the Baptist Church in Nigeria, the 14 slain citizens are all members of the Church attacked and killed when suspected Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen masquerading as “communal avengers” stormed the Bethel Baptist Church Parish located in Agbadu-Daruwana, near Lokoja in Kogi State and hacked 14 members of the Church to death.

Most of the members of the Community who are mainly Christians also fled for fear of more attacks. These were according to the All Africa Baptist Fellowship, further confirmed by the President of Nigerian Baptist Church Youth Conference, Enunuye Onajite. Similarly, five Christians were hacked to death on 27th July 2020 in Toto, Nasarawa State and July 31, a Christian Traditional Ruler (Amos Ewa Obere) was killed in Odu Community of Udege Dev Area of Nasarawa State when suspected Jihadist Herdsmen attacked the Community.

- By the account of the Nigerian Security Tracker, 2020; a Project of Council on Foreign Relations’ African Program headed by a former US Ambassador to Nigeria, John Campbell, the following killings by Jihadists were recorded in Nigeria in the month of July 2020: *July 8: Gunmen killed two farmers in Toto, Nasarawa. July 18: Kidnappers (Fulani Jihadists) killed two vigilantes in Gassol, Taraba. July 18: Boko Haram killed three in Chibok, Borno. July 21: Fulani Jihadists killed three deaths in Kauru, Kaduna. July 22: Boko Haram killed five kidnapped aid workers in Borno.*
- **Others....** (1) Special Report: **Nigeria’s Silent Slaughter: Genocide in Nigeria & the Implications for the International Community (released on July 28, 2020)** by the Int’l Committee on Nigeria (ICON) and Int’l Organization for Peace-building & Social Justice (PSI), based in the United States. Follow this link for full details of the Report: <https://clientwebproof.com/Nigeria-Silent-Slaughter/>
- **(2) Intersociety’s Letter to Police IG on endless massacre of Christians in Southern Kaduna**, published by Vanguard Newspaper of Sat, July 25, 2020 (<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2020/07/kaduna-300-killed-in-200-days-rights-group-alleges-wants-cp-redeployed/>) and This Day Newspaper of Monday, July 27, 2020 (<https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2020/07/27/group-620-christians-killed-in-18-months-in-southern-kaduna/amp/> and <http://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2020/07/27/nigerias-killing-fields-service-chiefs-and-president-buhari/>)
- **Eight Major Indicators Linking Nigeria’s Government To Herdsmen & BH Jihadism:** There are eight major indicators vicariously linking the present Government of Nigeria and its security and law enforcement agencies to ongoing orgy of terror against Christians in the country. The jihadist terror activities against Christians especially by Jihadist Herdsmen are likened or modeled after Sudan’s “Janjaweed Jihadism” under the ousted Gen Omar Hassan el-Bashir Government (1989-2019).

The present Government of Nigeria and its security and law enforcement agencies have since mid 2015 defended and stood by Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen whose frontiers have further expanded to include ‘foreign’ or ‘imported’ Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen and Shuwa Arabs. These Jihadist groups are also fingered in the ongoing socio-political instabilities or crises in the Central African Republic and Republic of Burkina Faso, etc.

The Nigeria’s central Government has continuously failed woefully in its constitutional duties to protect and secure the country’s individual and group citizens irrespective of their religion, tribe and creed. Same Government has also failed woefully to protect the country’s secularity status and seemed most likely to have adopted radical Islamism as ‘a state religion’, contrary to Sections 10 and 38 of the 1999 Constitution as amended.

The Government's defense of the Jihadist Herdsmen and their heinous atrocities had included and still includes description of their anti Christian butcheries as "herders-farmers' clashes", or "killings arising from revenge and reprisal violence and criminal gangs", or "communal clashes" such as 'killings involving two warring Christian communities'. The latest of such indefensible Government's cuddling and defense of Jihadist Herdsmen is a false narrative of "balance of terror" or 'symmetric killings and counter killings' between communal Muslims and communal Christians'.

In all these, we, the **Int'l Society for Civil Liberties & Rule of Law**, are not unaware of the fact that the Government is bent not only to continue its monumental failure to act to end the butcheries but also its attempts at deceiving and misleading the world. Therefore, having, since 2010, carefully followed, monitored, researched, investigated, documented, exposed or published the killings perpetrated against Christians and Minority Muslims in Nigeria or any part thereof including patterns and trends of the attacks, we have identified eight major indicators vicariously and inescapably linking the named Government and its security and law enforcement agencies to Fulani Herdsmen Jihadism in the country. The eight major indicators are summarized as follows:

(1) Government of Nigeria has consistently and undeniably risen since mid 2015 in strong defense and protection of Herdsmen Jihadists and their atrocities which have now escalated and spread country-wide. The central Government of Nigeria and its Armed Forces has also vicariously and officially maintained a policy of soft spot for Boko Haram and its terror jihadism in the Northeast. This, the same Government does through window dressing and, some say, 'conflict profiteering'.

Two **(2)**: Government has introduced RUGA (Rural Grazing Area or Settlement for Fulani Herders throughout Nigeria) and NLTP (National Livestock Transformation Plan); all resulting in forceful settlement of Fulani Herders or making them to violently occupy indigenous Christian lands throughout Nigeria. Included, too, is the Nigerian Military (Fulani) Cattle ranching program which seems to have reduced same to a "Fulani colony or Armed Forces". The Nigerian Military particularly the Army has also since Oct 2016, established annual regional military operations with different code names, camouflaged and remotely targeted at Christian parts of Nigeria; during which ways are militarily and vicariously paved for Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen to move into indigenous Christian lands and occupy them under heavy military or security backing and protection. Strong pieces of evidence abound.

All the programs above are widely viewed as jihad friendly or oriented and through them the Jihadist Herdsmen have been provided state cover to move in and forcefully occupy indigenous Christian communities and their forests, bushes and farmlands across the country; from where they launch attacks and jihadist campaigns targeted at Christians, their lands, farmlands, houses and worship and learning centers. They have been responsible for burning or destruction of not less than 1,500 churches and Christian learning centers across the country since 2015.

Not a single Mosque has been destroyed or burnt in their name till date. As a matter of fact, it must be reminded that Jihadist Herdsmen have never killed a single Muslim or destroyed or burnt any Mosque or Islamic learning center anywhere in Nigeria or any part thereof. All their victims are Christians and other non Muslims. Before mid 2015, for instance, less than two percent of the farmlands, bushes and forests in over 500 Igbo communities in Igbo Land (including Igbo parts of Delta, Benue and Kogi) presently occupied or under the occupation of the Jihadist Herdsmen was occupied or under occupation by same Jihadist Herdsmen. They had existed as "Hausa Settlements" or "Ogbe Hausa". This is also similarly the case in the Christian parts of Benue, Southern Kaduna, Plateau, Nasarawa, Kogi, Yobe, Taraba, Gombe, Adamawa, Edo and Delta, etc. Two **(3)**: grossly lopsided composition of the country's security forces including their commands and controls which have remained, some say, "90% Muslim controlled".

For instance, out of 22 top national security, defense and justice establishments, 18 are held and controlled by Muslims; with only four left for Christians. In Kaduna State, a State with 23 Local Government Areas where indigenous Christians are found dominating at least ten Local Government Areas Areas (eight in Southern Senatorial District and two In Central Senatorial District or roughly 40% of the State population), the following is the present composition of its present politico-security establishments: (1) Governor/Chief Security Officer: Nasiru el-Rufai-Muslim, (2) Deputy Governor: Hadiza Balarebe-Muslim, (3) Speaker of State Assembly: Yusuf Zilani-Muslim, (4) Chief Judge: Mohammed Lawal Bello-Muslim and (5) Kaduna State Attorney General: Aisha Dikko- Muslim.

Others are: (6) Army GOC of Kaduna: Major Gen Mohammed Usman-Muslim, (7) Commanding Officer, 313 Artillery, Kaduna: Lt Col A.K. Muhammad-Muslim, (8) Air Officer Commanding Kaduna Air Force Base: Air Vice Marshal Musa Muktar-Muslim, (9) Commander, BSG NAF Base, Kaduna: Group Capt Hadi Ahmed-Muslim, (10) Commander of the Nigerian Navy School of Armament in Kachia, Kaduna: Navy Commodore Baba Inna-Fulani Muslim, (11) State Commissioner of Police: Umar Muri-Muslim, (12) State Director of SSS: Idris Ahmed Koya-Muslim, (13) Commandant, Nigerian Security & Civil Defense Corps, Kaduna: Babangida Dutsenma-Muslim, (14) State Comptroller Correctional Service (Prisons Service): Sanusi Danmusa-Muslim, and (15) Corps Marshal/CEO, KASTELLEA, Kaduna: Garba Rimi-Muslim. Source: **Center for Inclusive Governance & National Development, Kaduna: July 2020 (re-investigated by Intersociety).**

Three **(4)**: refusing to arrest and prosecute the atrocious jihadists or hold them to account for their heinous atrocities since July 2015 and continued recognition of the mother bodies of the genocidal Fulani jihadists (i.e. MACBAN, FUNAM and Fulani Koutal Hore) as ‘registered organizations’ and deregistration of nonviolent socio-cultural, etc groups and declaration, using draconian legal instruments, of other nonviolent ethno-religious groups as “terrorist organizations”.

Five **(5)**: indiscriminate and unilateral granting of state pardon to terror jihadists (i.e. “repentant Boko Haram combatants”) and their alleged enlistment into security forces as well as abandonment and persecution of victim groups or communities. Six **(6)**: Government’s false labeling of killing of Christians as “killings arising from herders-farmers’ clashes” and use of different false narratives to back and protect the jihadists and cover their atrocities.

Seven **(7)**: in furtherance of the above false labeling and narratives, the present Nigeria’s central Government has also introduced “a balance of terror” or symmetric narrative, between the Fulani Herdsmen jihadists and the victim Christian communities by describing the chronically asymmetric killings as “killings arising from revenge, reprisals and criminal gangs”.

Same Government has till date, refused to recognize and declare Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen as a terror group. This is despite the fact that the group is internationally outlawed and named ‘world’s fourth deadliest terror group’. The “balance of terror” Government’s false narrative has further exposed the complicity of the Nigerian Government in the anti Christian butcheries and its monumental failure in discharging its constitutional duties of protecting and safeguarding the citizens irrespective of their religion, tribe or creed.

Eight **(8)**: Nigerian Government and its security and law enforcement agencies particularly the Nigeria Police Force do not have credible official data or crime statistics particularly with respect to ceaseless massacre of Christians in Nigeria. The Government has not only failed to provide credible official data of the killings, maiming and Christian properties destroyed or burnt but also undermined, mangled and denied same when independently presented.

Government has also failed woefully in letting Nigerians and the Int'l Community know; with verifiable statistics, the proportionality or dis-proportionality of such inter faith asymmetric killings, maiming and destroyed or burnt or lost properties. That is say that there are no credible data from the present central Government of Nigeria or its security and law enforcement agencies including Nigeria Police Force and Defense or Army Headquarters, showing the percentage or number of attacks against defenseless Christian communities by the state backed and protected Jihadist Herdsmen or reprisals (if any) by the victim Christian communities.

In other words: **there are no credible Government's records or from its security and law enforcement agencies showing the number of attacks against Christians since mid 2015 by Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen, number of Christians killed, number of their lands seized and occupied by the Jihadists and number of Christians' properties including dwelling houses, worship and learning centers destroyed or burnt or lost to Jihadist Herdsmen.**

Government or security or law enforcement records are near totally absent, if not totally absent regarding **the number of Jihadist Herdsmen arrested and investigated, convicted and jailed since mid 2015 for killing Christians or seizing or destroying their properties especially their sacred learning and worship centers.** Independent records have continued to indicate that such perpetrators are often not arrested, but shielded by the security forces.

On the other hand, **there are also no credible records from the same Government or its security and law enforcement agencies showing the number of attacks against Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen or Fulani citizens or settlements by the victim Christian groups or communities, number of Fulani citizens killed, number of their lands seized and occupied, number of Fulani properties including dwelling houses, Mosques and learning centers destroyed or burnt by same Christian "avengers".**

The present Government of Nigeria and its security and law enforcement agencies should also answer the following questions: **how many Muslims or Muslim farmers have been killed by Jihadist Herdsmen in Nigeria since mid 2015 and how many Islamic properties such as Mosques and learning centers have the same Jihadist Herdsmen destroyed or burnt?**

Therefore, since the central Government of Nigeria has introduced locally and internationally, 'balance of terror' narrative or symmetric violence ratio into the anti Christians' massacre, we challenge them to furnish Nigerians and the Int'l Community with credible official records or data or 'crime statistics' regarding the above highlighted. The failure of the Government in this regard will mean same shutting up its mouth permanently and licking the wounds of its monumental failure to act to protect the vulnerable and persecuted Christians in Nigeria.

On our part and independently speaking, the evidence on the ground grossly shows the contrary or contradicts all the Government claims. Apart from attacks on Christians in Nigeria being chronically asymmetric or '98%/2%' ratio; or radical Islamists' attacks or violence against Christians 98% and reprisals against such attacks or violence 2% or less; the Nigerian Government, adding to its monumental failure to protect Christians and fish out and punish their attackers, has also repeatedly repelled such reprisals if rarely risen or rarely about to occur.

Under the same Government, any reprisal killing of a Fulani Herdsman is given widest media attention locally and internationally; with wheel of justice speeded up against the perpetrator(s). But when Christians are massacred, Government rolls out industrially its media censorship and inaction including aiding and abetting; for purpose of dwarfing or mangling same.

Both in principle and in practice, the present Government of Nigeria has provided and still provides maximum protection for Fulani settlements and their jihadist groups and turned and still turns blind eyes including little or zero response to early warning or distress calls on the side of the persecuted Christians and their properties, especially when under attack or about to be attacked. Naturally, individual or group victim citizens' reprisals become inevitable if governing or securing authorities woefully failed in their duties to protect them and go after their attackers; or whereby same governing or securing authorities take sides and shield the perpetrators and cover up their atrocities.

Yet in the case of persecuted Christians and their communities in Nigeria or any part thereof, they have remained substantially pacifist or nonviolent, peaceful and law abiding; allowing themselves to be massacred at will; only for the same Government and its security and law enforcement agencies especially the Nigerian Army and the Nigeria Police Force to torment and punish them for being nonviolent. Even in the midst of vicious, systematic and coordinated attacks or violence against them by the Jihadist Herdsmen, the Government does little or nothing to protect and secure them other than to criminalize and collectively frame them up with all manners of false labeling and accusations.

Links below contained conspiratorial statements of the Federal Government, the Kaduna State Government, the Nigerian Army and the Kaduna State Police Command, directly or indirectly justifying the ongoing massacre of Christians in Southern Kaduna; these are same Governing and Security authorities constitutionally charged with the responsibilities of securing and protecting individual and group citizens' lives and properties irrespective of their ethnicity and religion:

- (1) **Presidency:** <https://globalsentinelng.com/2020/07/22/presidency-blames-revenge-killings-for-worsening-insecurity-in-southern-kaduna/>.
- (2) **Kaduna State Government:** <https://www.premiumtimesng.com/regional/nwest/404891-why-insecurity-persists-in-southern-kaduna-el-rufai.html>
- (3) **the Nigeria Army:** <https://www.thecable.ng/military-commander-we-have-limited-manpower-to-tackle-southern-kaduna-killings> and <https://www.premiumtimesng.com/regional/nwest/405610-southern-kaduna-crisis-not-ethnic-cleansing-military-commander.html>
- (4) **Kaduna State Police Command:** <https://guardian.ng/news/police-deny-fresh-killings-in-southern-kaduna/>
- (5) **A counter statement by SOKAPU:** <https://www.thisdaylive.com/index.php/2020/06/01/kaduna-community-urges-security-agencies-to-recover-30-corpses-of-victims-of-attacks/>

Grand Summary

1,421 Christians Hacked To Death By Nigeria's Jihadists In Jan-July 2020: It is most likely correct to say that no fewer than 1,421 defenseless Christians were hacked to death by Nigeria's Jihadists in the past seven months of 2020 or 1st January to 31st July 2020 and out of this number, Jihadist Herdsmen accounted for 1,027 Christian deaths, jihadists including Boko Haram and Islamic State in West Africa Province 310 Christian deaths and Jihadist Ansaru and Jihadist "Bandits" over 60 Christian deaths in addition to 24 others ('dark figures'); totaling 1,421 Christian deaths.

1,027 Christians Killed In Seven Months Of 2020 By Jihadist Herdsmen Alone: The total Christian casualties from Jihadist Herdsmen killings alone across Nigeria especially in Southern Kaduna, Benue and Plateau States and Igbo Land in the past seven months or Jan-July 2020 had risen to 1,027 deaths. Out of this number, the Adara Kingdom and environs in Kajuru Local Government Area of Kaduna State were visited with 164 killings or Christian deaths and the rest of the Southern Kaduna 199 deaths, totaling 363 Christian lives lost. The rest of the country excluding Southern Kaduna was also in the past seven months of 2020 or 1st Jan to 31st July 2020 visited with 664 Jihadist Herdsmen killings or Christian deaths. In July 2020, Southern Kaduna, alone, lost no fewer than 175 Christians, out of total anti Christian killings of 211 in July. Benue State had in the same month recorded eleven Christian deaths, Kogi 14, Nasarawa 9 and Taraba two.

State-by-State Breakdown Of The Jihadist Herdsmen Killings In Jan-July 2020: Our detailed statistics showed that in the past seven months of 2020 or 1st January to 31st July 2020, Southern Kaduna recorded the highest number of Christian deaths in the hands of Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen with 363 Christian lives, followed by Plateau State with 158 deaths, Benue 152 deaths, Kogi 54, Adamawa 40, Nasarawa 40, Taraba 32, Niger State 30, Igbo Land including Igbo-Delta and Igbo-Benue 30 deaths, non Igbo-Delta 20 deaths, Edo 10 and Southwest particularly Ondo and Oyo 20 Christians deaths and others 11; totaling 1,027 Christian deaths in seven months or Jan-July 2020.

394 Christians Killed By BH, ISWAP & Other Jihadists In Jan-July 2020: No fewer than 394 defenseless Christians were killed in Northeast, Northwest and North-central Nigeria from Jan-July 2020 by Boko Haram and ISWAP jihad terrorists as well Ansaru terror group and Jihadist “Bandits”. By our report of 12th July 2020, not less than 350 Christians were hacked to death by the named Jihadist groups from 1st Jan to 10th July 2020”. Boko Haram and ISWAP had accounted for no fewer than 300 Christian deaths out of over 600 killed. Between 12th to 31st July, over ten more Christian deaths were recorded by the duo including five aid workers publicly executed by ISWAP on 22nd July 2020. While BH and ISWAP killings including massacre of defenseless Christians had majorly taken place in Borno, Taraba and Adamawa States, the killings and abductions by Jihadist “Bandits” and Ansaru have particularly affected the Christian parts of Northwest and North-Central Regions including Kaduna in the North-West and Kogi, Nasarawa and Niger States in the North-Central; leading to their responsibility for over 60 Christian deaths in seven months.

683 Christian Lives Lost In 19 Months Or Jan 2019-July 2020 In Southern Kaduna: It is shocking to note that in the 570 days gone by or 1st Jan 2019 to 31st July 2020 (19 months), Southern Kaduna had lost not less than 683 Christians; involving: 320 lives lost in 2019 and 363 lost from 1st Jan to 31st July 2020. In 2019, the Adara Community and environs alone lost 240 lives and other parts of Southern Kaduna 80; and in the past seven months or 210 days of 2020, same Adara and environs located in Kajuru Local Government Area has lost 163 Christian lives and the rest parts of Southern Kaduna 199.

363 Christians Killed In Southern Kaduna In Seven Months & 175 In July 2020

Southern Kaduna has lost no fewer than 363 defenseless Christians in seven months of 2020 or 1st Jan to 31st July, 2020. Out of this figure, Adara Community and environs in Kajuru Local Government Area was visited with 164 Christian deaths while remaining parts of Southern Kaduna recorded 199 Christian deaths. Not less than 175 Christian lives were also lost to Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen in Southern Kaduna in the month of July 2020.

The 175 deaths in July included the feared killing in the Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen custody or captivity, of the 32 abducted Christians who were abducted and disappeared till date by the invading Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen on 16th July 2020 in Mai-ido and other neighboring villages in Kachia Local Government Area of Kaduna State. Names of the four defenseless Christians slaughtered on the spot during the attack were: Samaila Bulus, Danjuma Bala, Christopher Bawa Ayuba and Sunday Rabo Barga. The loss of 175 Christian lives in one month in Southern Kaduna is the highest in the State since Oct 2016.

Among the abducted 32 Christians now presumed killed in the Jihadist Herdsmen’s captivity or unlawful custody are: Joseph Na’Allah, Buhari Maidawa, Abigail Buhari, John Rai Bako, David Tambaya, Ishaya Gabriel, Micah Gabriel, Anthony Gabriel, Irimiya Luka, Bala Mallam, Sabo Luka, John Gaiya, Ishaku Lazarus, Godwin Sunday, Ishaku Elisha, Anthony Rabo, Joel Elisha, Maisaje Aburon, Kasuwa Aburon, Musa Maichibi, Kefas Ishaya and Danjuma Buhari; totaling 22 in number out of the disappeared 32 Christians..

135 Soldiers Killed By Jihadists In Three Months (May-July 2020): By the account of the Nigerian Security Tracker, 2020; a Project of Council on Foreign Relations’ African Program headed by a former US Ambassador to Nigeria, John Campbell, and other dependable sources, not less than 135 soldiers were killed by the trio of Boko Haram terror jihadists, Islamic Movement in West Africa Province (ISWAP) and the jihadist ‘Bandits’ between May and end of July 2020. Their records showed that on May 18, 12 Nigerian soldiers killed in Diffa, Niger Republic. May 18, two soldiers killed in Gujba, Yobe State. June 13, 20 soldiers killed in Monguno, Borno. June 6, ISWAP killed six soldiers in Konduga, Borno.

June 11, Boko Haram released a video showing execution of a Christian soldier and a Christian Police Officer. June 27, 10 soldiers killed in Damboa, Borno. July 2, three soldiers killed in Mobar, Borno. July 10, 20 soldiers killed in Kukawa, Borno. July 10, 15 soldiers killed in Gambarou-Ngala, Borno. July 13, eight soldiers killed in Konduga, Borno. July 13, four soldiers killed in Kaga, Borno. July 18, 23 soldiers killed by Jihadist “Bandits” in Jibia, Katsina State and July 25, 10 soldiers killed in Damboa, Borno State; all totaling at least 135 soldiers killed in three months (May-July 2020).

Apart from multiple hundreds of soldiers lost in the past seven months of 2020 and thousands since mid 2015, there are strong suspicions that jihadist elements have infiltrated, if not hijacked the Nigerian military particularly the Nigerian Army. Some, if not many of the soldiers killed, are strongly believed to have died under conspiratorial circumstances. Scores of soldiers suspected to be dominated by Christians have also been killed under “in-service conspiratorial circumstances” including being killed by their fellow soldiers for “being hard on Boko Haram terrorists”. Hundreds have also been forced out of the military by the military authorities in manners strongly questioned by military experts and activists. **Intersociety** does not include “battle-field related deaths” in its counting-except where soldiers are killed conspiratorially on the grounds of their tribe or religion.

Over 100 Mainly Christians & Scores Of Muslims Abducted By Jihadists In July 2020: By the account of the Nigerian Security Tracker, 2020; a Project of Council on Foreign Relations’ African Program headed by a former US Ambassador to Nigeria, John Campbell, the following abductions by Jihadists were recorded in Nigeria in the month of July 2020: *July 8: Gunmen kidnapped ten in Toto, Nasarawa. July 9: Jihadists abducted eight in Abaji, near FCT, Abuja. July 13: Jihadists abducted five in Gassol, Taraba. July 16: Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen invaded and abducted 32 Christians (presumed killed in their custody) in Mai-Ido and other neighboring villages in Kachia Local Government Area of Christian dominated Southern Kaduna. July 18: Jihadists abducted six in Chikun, Kaduna. July 20: Jihadist “Bandits” kidnapped sixteen in Rafi, Niger State. July 22: Boko Haram killed five kidnapped aid workers in Borno. July 23: Jihadists abducted five in Jada, Adamawa. July 28: Fulani Kidnappers abducted five in Suleja, Niger State. July 29: Fulani Bandits kidnapped three in Chikun, Kaduna. July 31: two Igbo Christians-a lawyer and a businessman were abducted along Ugwogo-Isi-Uzo Road, Nsukka, Enugu State by Jihadist Herdsmen (Vanguard Newspaper, 1st August 2020).* Dozens of Christians were also abducted by the Jihadists in July in Southern Kaduna and Abuja-Kaduna Highway; totaling over 100 abductions in one month.

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