

Sept-Early Oct 2026 Collected Data On Jihadist Attacks Against Christians And Their Churches In Nigeria Particularly In The Middle-Belt (Tuesday, Oct 13, 2026)

- **Three Christian Women Farmers Abducted And Killed, Three (Six) Others Killed In Plateau State:** According to Masara Kim Usman and the Persecuted Hope, three Christian women farmers have gone missing from their farm and feared killed by Jihadist Fulani Muslim Militants on Tuesday, Sept 15, 2026 in Yirpya village of Barkin Ladi County of Plateau State. According to Sahara Reporters of Sept 16, 2026, quoting a respected Conflict Reporter, Masara Kim Usman, three Christians were killed in late night attack by Jihadist Fulani Muslim Militants in Barkin Ladi-Bokkos boundary in Plateau State. The attack occurred on Tuesday night of Sept 15, 2026, hours after three Plateau Christian women farmers went missing in Barkin Ladi.
- **Jihadist Fulani Muslim Militants Killed 15 Christians In Plateau State:** According to media reports including phoenix news of Monday, Sept 14, 2026, suspected (Fulani) terrorists killed at least **15 people** in separate attacks across **Jos South, Mangu and Riyom Local Government Areas** of Plateau State on Sunday night (Sept 13, 2026). Spokesman for the **Berom Youth Moulders Rwang Tengwong**, confirmed the details of the primary incident to reporters on **Monday, Sept. 14, 2026. Okay News reports that** suspected terrorists opened fire on a passenger vehicle at **Dungus** community in **Jos South Local Government Area** at around **9:40 p.m. WAT on Sept. 13, 2026**, killing **nine passengers. Rwang Tengwong** said, “The incident happened around 9.40 p.m. The victims were all passengers travelling to Jos when the terrorists opened fire on the vehicle. Among those killed was a member of Operation Rainbow. It is a very sad development, and we lament the loss of lives.”

Several passengers sustained gunshot wounds during the shooting and were rushed to nearby hospitals, where some later died. **Musa Dauda**, a resident of the **Dungus** community, confirmed that injured passengers were taken to the hospital and that several died while receiving treatment. **Musa Dauda** said, “Some of the passengers who were injured were taken to the hospital, but some of them died while receiving treatment. Others are still in the hospital receiving treatment.” In a separate overnight attack in **Mangu Local Government Area**, gunmen attacked **Vodni** in **Pushit District**, killing **two people** and injuring **four others**. The four injured individuals were transferred to a hospital in **Mangu**. town for medical care. At around the same time, gunmen launched another attack at Tahoos in Riyom Local Government Area, killing two people.

- **Boko Haram Attacked Adamawa Christian Community, Killing Four And Burned Down Houses:** According to media reports, Boko Haram Invades Adamawa Community, Kills Four, Burns Houses, Loots Food Items. Suspected Boko Haram terrorists have invaded Bitirhuya community in Hong Local Government Area of Adamawa State, killing four residents and setting many houses ablaze after looting food items. The attack, which occurred between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday, September 13, 2026, saw the assailants gain entry into the community on motorcycles, shooting sporadically and forcing residents to scamper for safety...more details in comment section.
- **Jihadist Fulani Militants Killed Four Christians In Mangu, Plateau State:** Gunmen have killed four people in a series of attacks on four communities in Mangu Local Government Area of Plateau State, Nigeria. The attacks took place over three days, from September 11 to September 12, 2026. The victims were identified as: Geoffrey Gumut, 55 – He was beheaded in Kikyau, Mangu Halle District, on September 11. His head has not been found: Katbam Titus, 29 – He was killed in Kinat on the night of September 12. Pius Dachen, 50, and Zadok Irmiya, 25 – Both were killed in Ntul, Mangu District, on September 12. Another man, Danjuma Kyesle, 45, was attacked with a machete in Larkas, Panyam District. He is receiving medical treatment. The attacks were confirmed by the Mwaghavul Youth Movement and the Mwaghavul Development Association. The group said the attackers were "armed Fulanis". The Kinat attack happened only hours after the General Officer Commanding (GOC) of the 3 Division of the Nigerian Army visited Mangu. The group said the new attack showed that the promise was not kept. The group also said that security personnel were present in Larkas when Danjuma Kyesle was attacked. The Mwaghavul Youth Movement asked: "How many more attacks must occur before those responsible are decisively dealt with?". They called for thorough investigations into all four incidents and for the attackers to be arrested and prosecuted.
- **Jihadist Fulani Militants Killed Eight Christians In Benue State:** According to Tribune Online of Sept 11, 2026, at least four mobile police officers and eight residents have been killed in an attack on Ayilamo community in Tombo Council Ward, Logo Local Government Area of Benue. The attack reportedly occurred from Thursday night into the early hours of Friday Sept 10 and 11, 2026), with residents saying armed attackers invaded the community through the Alufu Road axis of neighboring Taraba State. A resident, who identified himself as Tyolumun Ugande, told journalists by telephone on Friday that the attackers, said to number about 200, opened fire and set houses ablaze. Ugande said a detachment of mobile policemen deployed to the community engaged the attackers in a gun battle. "After several hours of exchange of gun fire, the bandits retreated but on Friday morning, four bodies of Mobile Police men and eight residents of the community were recovered in the bush," he said.

The Secretary of the Ayilamo Security Committee, Umishi Terungwa, who also confirmed the incident, said the attack occurred between Thursday night and Friday morning. Terungwa said security personnel, community members and elders were among those killed. He identified some of the civilian victims as Baba Nyikyaa Mbanengen Agia, Mkohol Ahowe, Agah Saanmoyol (Dodo), Baba Mlahaga Kpurkpur, Geoffrey Aondoakaa Gaku (Bala), and two children.

- **Over 200 Catholic Churches Lost In Maiduguri Diocese Since 200:** According to Guardian Newspaper of Sept 18, 2026, more than 200 [Catholic churches](#) have been destroyed across the Catholic Diocese of Maiduguri, while thousands of people, including Christians and Muslims, have reportedly been killed as a result of the prolonged insurgency in the North-East, the Auxiliary Bishop of Maiduguri Diocese, Most Rev. John Bogna Bakani, has revealed. Bakani, who described the Catholic Diocese of Maiduguri as one of the most persecuted [Churches in Nigeria](#), said the diocese had continued to survive despite years of violence, destruction, displacement and attacks on communities. He spoke during a Thanksgiving Mass he concelebrated with the Emeritus Archbishop of Abuja, Cardinal John Onaiyekan, at St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church, Ogo-Oluwa, Osogbo, as part of activities marking the ongoing plenary meeting of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Nigeria in [Osun State](#). The Mass coincided with the commemoration of the martyrdom of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, who were remembered for their steadfastness and sacrifice for the Christian faith.
- **Nigerian Government Neglect And Inaction Killed Seven Children In July 2026 Alone And Death Of Scores This Year Of 2026 In Abuja Christian IDP Camp:** According to ACI Africa interview, conducted on Oct 6, 2026, a Catholic Priest serving the Catholic community at an Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) camp in Abuja, Nigeria, has lamented the death of seven children in a single month at the camp, renewing his call for urgent government intervention to provide basic healthcare services for displaced and vulnerable families. In an interview with ACI Africa on the sidelines of a free medical outreach that was organized by the Daughters of Charity (DC) at the IDP camp in Wassa, Fr. Stephen Mesheda of Nigeria's Catholic Archdiocese of Abuja said the lack of a functional healthcare facility at the camp has continued to expose residents, particularly children and pregnant women, to preventable health risks.

"We've been losing a lot of our people here. In July alone, we lost about seven children because of childbirth. We are begging the government because we are helpless here," Fr. Mesheda said during the October 6 interview. According to the Priest, the camp has neither a hospital nor a primary healthcare Centre, leaving residents to depend largely on private chemists for basic medical needs. "There is no hospital here. Not even primary healthcare here. I don't see anyone around. The only ones we have around are just maybe private chemists," he said. Fr. Mesheda, who provides pastoral care to the Catholic community at Christ the King Catholic Church (CKC) in the IDP camp, said, "Access to basic healthcare should not be considered a privilege for displaced families."

He said providing healthcare infrastructure at the camp is within the capacity of the government and could be achieved if there is sufficient political will. "If they want, they can do it, and it's not something that is above their capability. So we beg the government, let them want. Let them help us by building hospitals here for us. They can achieve it within a few days or a few months," the Nigerian Catholic Priest said. For more, see the link here: <https://www.aciafrica.org/.../nigerian-catholic-priest...>

- **Islamic Jihadists Bombed Anglican Cathedral In Bauchi State And Killed More Than Nine Christians In One Week:** According to Anglican Ink of Oct 9, 2026, yesterday (Oct 8) in a suicide bomb attack on St. John's Anglican Cathedral, Murtala Mohammed Way, in the Bayan Gari area of Bauchi Town. The suicide bomber is reported to have detonated his explosives at the church gate after being refused entry into the grounds at around 9 am. The bomber, a woman and a child are confirmed to have died at the scene, while many others are hospitalized with life threatening injuries. This is the second attack on Christians in Bauchi Town within the space of a week. Last Sunday, four gunmen in a tricycle descended on the Zongo area, firing indiscriminately at a building where people generally gather in the evening to relax and play cards. At least five people were killed on the spot, while four died later in hospital.

Local sources describe a growing sense of panic in Bauchi Town, with several claiming the state's government is not doing enough to safeguard the lives and property of Bauchi's Christian community. In a comment to Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW), the Anglican Bishop of Bauchi, the Rt Revd Musa Tula, said: "Unfortunately, this is an ongoing situation in Bauchi State. Christians are attacked on a weekly basis. We need prayers because real protection can only come from God. We urgently need prayers from our brethren around the world for the peace of Bauchi State." CSW's Chief Executive Mervyn Thomas said: "We extend our heartfelt condolences to the families of the victims of the attacks that have occurred in the last week in Bauchi Town. We also pray for a speedy recovery for those injured in these appalling acts of violence. However, it is regrettable that Christian communities in Bauchi remain extremely vulnerable and are in urgent need of effective protection. We urge the state government to implement comprehensive, long-term security arrangements to guarantee the safety of innocent civilians and halt these attacks, which are now occurring with alarming regularity." The link to the report is here: <https://anglican.ink/2026/10/09/cathedral-in-bauchi-bombed/>

- **Fulani Rooted Lakaruwa Jihadists Give Ultimatum (pay a tax in order to remain and continue functioning in the village, renounce Christianity, leave the community, or convert to Islam) To Indigenous Kebbi Christian Communities Since Sept 9, 2026:** According to the Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW) of Sept 17, 2026, the CSW information received from CSW Nigeria (CSWN), from members of the affected community, revealed that armed men identified by residents as being members of the Lakurawa terrorist group entered the village at around 7.30pm on Sept 9 and targeted homes belonging to indigenous Christians including shooting at some of the residents.

One of the victims, Malam Ango Hassan, a Christian, was subsequently taken to the Federal Medical Centre in Birnin Kebbi where he received treatment for a large bullet wound in his right shoulder. The terrorists attempted to burn down the local Evangelical Church Winning All (ECWA) church building, but could not locate any petrol, and sprayed the building with bullets instead. They also looted cattle. Residents informed CSWN that the terrorists had given Christian residents an ultimatum with four options: pay a tax in order to remain and continue functioning in the village, renounce Christianity, leave the community, or convert to Islam.

The ultimatum has caused consternation among the residents, who are at a loss as to what to do, and fear greatly for their safety and for their continuing ability to practice their faith while remaining in their ancestral community. Reports of the ultimatum delivered to the villagers of Ungwan Mato emerged amid news that the Joint Task Force North-West (Operation Fansan Yamma) recorded major operational breakthroughs across northwestern sectors, including securing the release of 21 kidnapped victims from Fafala village in the Kangiwa area of Kebbi State on 14 September. See link to the report here: <https://www.csw.org.uk/press/terrorists-give-ultimatum-to-indigenous-christians-in-kebbi-state-6929/>

- **Fulani Islamic Jihadists Abduct Two Pastors And Three Other Church Members On Sept 28 And Oct 3 In Kebbi State:** According to Truth-Nigeria report of Oct 9, 2026, no fewer than two pastors of the Evangelical Church Winning All (ECWA) and three other Church members were abducted by Fulani Jihadists operating under “Jihadist Fulani Bandits” and “Jihadist Fulani Lakaruwa terror group”. The abducted ECWA pastors are Pastor Adamu Japhet, abducted on Sept 28 in his residence in Bagudo Local Government Area at about 11.25pm. His wife and 10-year-old child managed to escape. He was freed on Oct 1 after paying his abductors N3m and other demanded items. On Oct 3, 2026, another pastor, Rev Aliyu Danlami and three members of his ECWA Church were abducted in Ulli Village of Ngaski Local Government Area of Kebbi State. They were abducted while returning from a neighboring village where they had gone to pay a bride price for a Christian marriage rite. Link: <https://truthnigeria.com/2026/10/bold-christian-evangelists-in-nigerias-ungoverned-borderland-fall-victim-to-kidnappers/>
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- **At Least 30 Christians Killed In Adamawa Boko Haram And Other Jihadists Attacks:** According to PERSECUTION.ORG of the International Christian Concern of Sept 9, 2026, at least eleven persons of Christian Faith were killed in the early hours of Monday, Sept. 7, as suspected Boko Haram terrorists invaded Zaranga village in Gombi Local Government Area of Adamawa state, Nigeria, downing a local church too. The attackers reportedly entered the community before dawn, shooting residents and setting houses ablaze. A resident who spoke by telephone said 11 bodies had been recovered while several people remained missing. “Search teams and security personnel are in the forest searching for the missing people,” the local said. Another resident described losing members of his immediate family. “My wife and two of my family members were also killed during the early morning invasion of my village.”

Relatedly, in Adamawa State, according to TruthNigeria report of Monday, Sept 21, 2026, [Boko Haram jihadists attacked the Bitirhuya community](#) in Hong County on Sunday evening, Sept. 13. The attackers reportedly arrived on motorcycles between 5 and 6 p.m., firing as residents ran into the bush for safety. Four people were confirmed killed, multiple houses were burned down, and food items were looted from the village. The attack came less than a week after 12 people were reportedly killed in Nzangola village in neighboring Gombi County. Elsewhere in the Northeast, a separate outbreak of communal violence on the Mambilla Plateau in Taraba State killed at least nine people and sent hundreds fleeing into surrounding forests and remote borderlands, [TruthNigeria reports](#). The fighting began Tuesday, Sept. 15, and continued through Thursday, Sept. 17, in Mbamnga, Mbara and Geroji villages in Sardauna County.

- **Earlier Killings In Plateau State:** The attack in Zaranga came as violence was also reported in communities across the Mangu Local Government Area of Plateau State. On Sept. 3, violence that began in Mangu reportedly spread to Fungtim, where one person was killed. That same night, residents said an attack on Kinat in Mangu Halle claimed the life of another young person. Mathias Ibrahim, secretary of Mangu IDP, said another man, identified as Nandom, was ambushed and killed while returning from Marish. Ibrahim said Nandom was buried the following day. “This week started with an ambush,” Ibrahim told an International Christian Concern (ICC) staffer. Residents also reported an attack on the Muko community in Mangu Local Government, where houses were burned during a daytime assault.

No deaths were reported in that incident, but residents fled their homes as security forces were deployed to the area. According to Ibrahim, families from Muko sought refuge in neighboring communities, including Kanger and Wubel. He said the number of displaced people was increasing as repeated attacks forced more residents from their homes and farms. “We need food; we don’t want to die of hunger,” Ibrahim said, appealing for assistance for displaced Christians sheltering in the area. The reports from Adamawa and Plateau add to a pattern of attacks in parts of Nigeria’s Middle Belt and northeast, where residents in affected communities have faced killings, property destruction, and displacement. For families in Zaranga, the search continued into the aftermath of Monday’s attack as relatives waited for news of those still missing. In Mangu, displaced families were sheltering away from homes that had been abandoned after new rounds of violence. Link: <https://persecution.org/2026/09/09/boko-haram-kills-11-in-adamawa-state/>

- **Seven Shot At Mangu Friday Market In Plateau, Five Killed, Two Injured:** According to verified Facebook account, at least seven local Christians were shot during attack on the weekly Friday vegetable Market in Mangu, Plateau State, at about 8.30pm on Friday, Sept 2026. Local sources reported that only two persons survived and five others reported shot and killed.

- **Nine Christians Commuters Including A Pastor Killed By Fulani Jihadists In Plateau State:**

According to Vanguard Newspaper of Sept 21, 2026, at least nine persons have been killed in fresh attacks in Barkin Ladi, Riyom and neighboring communities in Plateau State between Saturday night (Sept 19) and Sunday morning (Sept 20), triggering tension and evacuation of women and children. Five of the victims were passengers travelling to Gana-Ropp in Barkin Ladi Local Government Area when they were attacked on Saturday night, while two others, including a pastor, were reportedly killed on their way to church at Dorowa Babuje yesterday morning. A woman was also reportedly killed at Baten Wereng in Riyom LGA on Saturday night, September 19, while another person was killed at Ratyidi in Fan District. Several cattle were also reportedly killed or stolen at Dorowa Maranba and the Kantoma axis at about 3 a.m. on Sunday. National President of the Mwaghavul Development Association, MDA, Bulus Dabit, confirmed the killing of the five persons at Gana-Ropp, condemning the attack and calling on security operatives to arrest the perpetrators. Pyem Youth Leader in Gana-Ropp, Ukasha Garaba, said: "We evacuated the corpses of five persons from Gana-Ropp. They were passengers who were travelling as labourers. Spokesman of the Berom Youth Moulders, BYM, Rwang Tengwong, also confirmed the attacks and condemned the killings, describing them as worrisome and unacceptable.

...Morning Star News Report Provides More Details On The Attack: According to Morning Star News of Sunday, Sept 20, 2026: "A pastor with the Baptist Church in Maraban Kantoma area near Dorowa Babuje town was on Sunday morning, 20 September killed by Muslim Fulani terrorists," Kara Dakup told Christian Daily International-Morning Star News. "He was on his way to his church when he was shot dead by the armed Fulani militiamen."

The pastor's son was critically wounded, according to Truth Nigeria, operated by U.S.-based aid agency Equipping the Persecuted. On Saturday evening (Sept. 19) Fulani militia ambushed and killed five Christians in Gana-Ropp village, residents told Christian Daily International-Morning Star News. Resident Jackdel Stephen identified those slain as Sadam Iliya, 43; Umar, 18; Talik, 35; Benard, 38; and Silim, 37. The previous day, Fulani militia attacked Rakok village, killing one Christian, said resident Gomex Agwom. "On 18 September, a heartbreaking tragedy occurred in Rakok village, Barkin Ladi Local Government Area," Agwom told Christian Daily International-Morning Star News. "A Christian man was killed by Fulani terrorists as the Christian villagers were asleep in the community." On Sept. 15, "Fulani terrorists" attacked NTV village, killing three Christians near Barkin Ladi town, area resident Amy Katman said. "The attackers invaded the village while Christian villagers were asleep," Katman told Christian Daily International-Morning Star News. Fulani gunmen had also attacked Dorowa Babuje on Sept. 6, killing one Christian and wounding another, resident Danjuma Andu told Christian Daily International-Morning Star News.

- **Igbo Land Based Jihadist Fulani Muslim Militants Killed Two And Injured Two In Imo Forest:** According to Vanguard Newspaper of Tuesday, Sept 15, 2026 and Truth-Nigeria report of Sept 18, 2026, two young men were reportedly killed and one abducted, while others sustained varying gunshot wounds, when unidentified gunmen attacked them near the Secondary Technical School, Irete, Owerri West Local Council Area of Imo State. Vanguard gathered that the incident, which occurred last Monday (Sept 14), has sent palpable shockwaves among residents of Irete and the surrounding communities of Umuguma, Okuku, Ndegwu and Amakohia-Ubi, where armed Fulani herdsman have been terrorizing for a long while.

A villager, who spoke to Vanguard yesterday on strict anonymity, said: "Four young men were in the area for inspection and surveillance when they came under attack. Two lay dead, while two others, who managed to escape when firing ceased, sustained varying degrees of injury. "The dead includes security personnel from Umunjo Irete, Chigaemezu Ozuzu, while the second victim is a native of Amakohia-Ubi. One of survivors is a member of Imo State Security Organization, working in Irete Vigilante." A woman, who simply identified herself as Mrs. Ogechi, wondered, "Why nobody is willing to save the community from the recurring anguish and loss of precious lives". Her words: "We are calling on both the state government and all security agencies to intensify surveillance and security operation in our area. We have swallowed more than our fair share of bashing from these armed men.": Link to the Newspaper publication is: <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2026/09/armed-men-kill-two-injure-2-in-imo/amp/>.

- **Plateau Christian Death Toll Rose To 26 In Four Days (Sept 19-22) As Fulani Jihadists Intensified Attacks:** According to the Nigerian Lawyer of Tuesday, Sept 22, 2026, more than 20 persons (all Christians) were killed in two days of Saturday, Sept 19 and Sunday, Sept 20, 2026 across different communities in Bokkos, Barkin Ladi and Mangu Local Government Areas of Plateau State. The Lawyerly media also reported that "more than 20 people including women and children were killed within about 48 hours in separate attacks affecting Mangu, Barkin Ladi, Bokkos and Riyom Local Government Areas; during which several houses were reportedly burned, forcing residents of vulnerable communities to flee for safety". The media further reported that in one of the incidents, five people traveling towards Gana-Ropp in Barkin Ladi were killed after their vehicle came under attack on Saturday night and two others including a pastor were killed around Dorowa Babuje while going to church on Sunday; and that separate killings were also reported at Baten Wereng in Riyom county and Ratyidi in Fan District. On Tuesday, Sept 22, at about 7.30pm, a popular Facebook platform, "the Persecuted Hope", reported that three persons were killed by Fulani Jihadists in Kikyau area of Mangu county. Three more persons were killed the same Tuesday, Sept 22, 2026 in Rakok, also known as Kafi Abu located in Barkin Ladi county of Plateau State. The attack was also published by Punch Newspaper of Wednesday, Sept 23 and confirmed by President of the Berom Youth Molders Association, Lawyer Daylop Solomon Mwantiri, who said he narrowly escaped being attacked.

- Morning Star News Reports Killing Of At Least 15 Christians On Sept 21-25 In Plateau State:** According to Morning Star News of Friday, September 25, 2026 ([Christian Daily International-Morning Star News](#)) – Following attacks on Sunday (Sept. 20) that left a church [pastor and others dead](#), Fulani herdsmen killed at least 15 more Christians in the same county in Plateau state, Nigeria from Monday through Friday (Sept. 21-25), sources said. Solomon Mwantiri, a lawyer and community leader in Barkin Ladi County, identified as “Fulani terrorists” those who attacked Barkin Ladi town and Chit, Gassa, Bet, Rakwok, Razat and Rakung villages. A Christian high school, Bethany Christian Academy on the outskirts of Barkin Ladi town, was threatened during the attacks as a Christian was killed a few meters away from the school. The school belongs to the Great Commission Movement, a global evangelical ministry whose mission is to reach students of universities and colleges with the gospel. “On Friday (Sept. 25), three communities of Chit, Gassa and Barkin Ladi were attacked by Fulani terrorists,” Mwantiri told Christian Daily International- Morning Star News. “Three Christians were killed in Gassa community.” The killing of the Christian near the Bethany Christian Academy occurred on Wednesday (Sept. 23), he said. “The shooting close to Bethany Christian Academy threatened the institution, and resulted in the death of a Christian. This aside, two Christians who were killed in Barkin Ladi town,”

Mwantiri said. In Rakwok village, another predominantly Christian community, the attorney said the Fulanis ambushed and killed five Christian commuters. “In the incident at Rakok, also known as Kafi Abu, five Christians were also killed. The vehicle they were traveling in was ambushed, and the five Christians were killed,” Mwantiri said. “This is aside from three other Christian that were killed in that same community.” Fulani terrorists on Monday (Sept. 21) carried out coordinated attacks on the predominantly Christian communities of Rakwok, Bet, Razat, Gassa and Rakung, he said. “The attack occurred at night while the Christian villagers were sleeping,” Mwantiri said. “A Christian, Henry Elisha, 22, from Rakwok village was brutally killed during the attack. He was buried on Tuesday, September 22.”

- 78 (116) Christian School Children Spent 130 (150) Days In Boko Haram Captivity In (Southern) Borno State:** “Bring Our Children Back” — Borno Parents Have Threatened To Protest At Aso Rock After 130 Days Parents and community members from Mussa and Lassa in Askira/Uba Local Government Area of Borno State have given the Federal Government a six-day ultimatum to secure the release of schoolchildren abducted from the communities. According to Leadership, [the affected children include 42 pupils abducted from Mussa Primary and Junior Secondary School on May 15, 2026, and 36 students abducted from Government Day Secondary School, Lassa, on June 29, 2026. The Lassa attack also involved the abduction of a teacher.](#) The parents and community members reportedly staged a protest in Mussa despite heavy rainfall, expressing frustration over the prolonged captivity and the lack of information about the whereabouts of their children. Ishaku Wabba, chairman of the Mussa and Lassa Parents of Abductees, called on President Bola Ahmed Tinubu to intervene. He said the parents would stage a large protest at the Presidential Villa in Abuja if the children were not rescued within six days.

One of the affected mothers, Maria Timothy, also appealed directly to the President, saying the families wanted the government to intensify efforts to secure the safe return of their children. The member representing Askira-Uba/Hawul Federal Constituency, Midala Usman Balami, called on the Federal and Borno State governments to combine their resources and intelligence to locate and rescue the children. He also called for increased security around communities close to the Sambisa Forest, including Mussa, Lassa, Dille and Ngulde. The Emir of Uba, Ali Samaila Mamza II, also appealed to federal, state and local authorities, as well as the media, to work together toward the safe return of the abducted children and other captives. The parents' ultimatum comes after reports that other abducted schoolchildren in Oyo State were rescued, prompting affected Borno families to question why their children have remained in captivity for so long. The Six Days Ultimatum was issued between Sunday and Monday, Sept 20 and 21, 2026 in Borno State.

- **Nigerian House Of Reps Members Demand Immediate Rescue Of 116 Schoolchildren, Other Southern Borno Abductees:** According to Daily Post report of Sept 29, 2026, the House of Representatives has called for intensified security operations to secure the immediate and safe release of 116 schoolchildren and other victims abducted in Borno State. The call followed a motion of urgent public importance moved by Rep. Midala Balami, who raised concerns over the prolonged captivity of victims abducted in Mussa, Lassa and along the Buratai–Maiduguri Road. Balami said 44 schoolchildren were abducted from Mussa on May 15, 2026, alongside 36 other persons in Mussa and along the Buratai–Maiduguri Road. He also recalled the abduction of 36 students and two teachers in Lassa Ward, Askira-Uba Local Government Area. According to him, the Mussa schoolchildren had spent more than 138 (150) days in captivity, while those abducted in Lassa had spent more than 70 days.

Other victims abducted along the Buratai–Maiduguri Road had remained in captivity for more than 160 days. Balami said the prolonged captivity had subjected the victims' families and affected communities to emotional distress, uncertainty and fear, urging urgent action to secure their release. The lawmaker called for search-and-rescue operations to be intensified, better coordinated and sustained until all the victims were rescued. The House subsequently urged security agencies to intensify search-and-rescue operations and strengthen intelligence gathering and information sharing to locate the victims and apprehend those responsible. It also called for increased security along the Buratai–Maiduguri Road, Mussa, Lassa and other vulnerable communities through increased patrols, intelligence-led operations and security checkpoints. The lawmakers further urged the National Emergency Management Agency, NEMA, and the North East Development Commission, NEDC, to provide relief materials as well as medical and psychological support to affected families and communities. The link to the report is here: <https://dailypost.ng/2026/09/29/reps-demand-immediate-rescue-of-116-schoolchildren-other-borno-abductees/>

...InterSociety: 150 Christian Schoolchildren Likely Languishing In Boko Haram Captivity In Nigeria's Borno And Adamawa: The continued captivity of the 116 mostly Christian schoolchildren abducted by Boko Haram from different parts of Southern Borno since May 15, 2026, among other dates, is found to have been driven by politico-religious partisanship and deliberate lukewarm attitude by Government of Borno State and the country's security forces. The Government of Borno State is also found to have lacked political will and sincerity of purpose; in furtherance of widely pronounced and perceived widespread political and religious segregation ravaging the State especially since the inception of Prof Umara Zulum as Governor of the State on May 29, 2019. Several critics spoken to said the mostly 116 Christian schoolchildren would have long been rescued and rehabilitated if they were to be Muslim schoolchildren.

It is therefore likely correct to observe that but for the raging political and religious partisanship, the schoolchildren would have long been rescued, especially owing to the fact that their counterparts in Oyo State abducted on the same May 15, 2026 were swiftly and safely rescued since July 10, 2026 through non-partisan combined efforts of the Governor of Oyo State and then GOC of the Nigerian Army's 2 Mechanized Division in the State, an Anambra State-born general. We therefore fear that most, if not all the 116 Christian schoolchildren are likely to have been forcibly indoctrinated and converted to Islam; even as some might have starved or tortured to death in captivity. It is now on record that not less than 150 mostly Christian schoolchildren are languishing in Jihadist Boko Haram captivity including 116 in Southern Borno and no fewer than 30 in Adamawa State following the early Oct 2026 invasion and abduction of several Christian students in Waka-Biu part of Hong Local Government Area of the State-inclusive of those abducted from College of Education in Waka-Biu.

- **18 More Christians Killed In Three Days (Sept 24-26) In Plateau, Over 60 Killed In 26 Days:** The massacre of Christians by Muslim Fulani Jihadists have continued unabated in Plateau State-with seven more killed in two days of Thursday, Sept 24 and Friday, Sept 25, 2026 and more than 60 killed so far in the past 26 days of Sept 2026. According to updates by a respected Conflict Reporter, Masara Kim Usman and the Persecuted Hope, "four Christians were reported to have been killed in separate attacks in Barkin Ladi, Plateau State on Sept 24, 2026. _While two were killed at a local mining site in Gangare around 8.30pm, two others were reportedly killed in Yelwa, Gashish District despite the Government curfew". Also, at least three Christians were killed in Plateau State after gunmen (suspected Fulani Muslim Militants) attacked two villages south of Jos. The latest attack added to series of armed jihadist herdsmen attacks that have left more than 60 killed since the beginning of Sept 2026".

Seven Persons Killed In Plateau State: According to Sahara Reporters of Sept 26, 2026, at least seven people, including two miners, have reportedly been killed in separate attacks across Plateau State within two days, while more than 20 hectares of farmland were destroyed. The Berom Youth Moulders Association (BYM), disclosed this in a statement on Saturday (Sept 26).

The attacks come amid a sustained wave of violence in the state that has seen over 500 people buried in Mangu Local Government Area alone in the last two years, according to the Middle Belt Forum. Earlier in September, SaharaReporters reported that gunmen killed six persons in a late-night assault on Ikn'gwakap community in Mushere Chiefdom, Bokkos LGA, and abducted a Plateau State House of Assembly member from his home in Jos North LGA. According to the BYM statement signed by National Publicity Secretary Rwang Tengwong, 25-year-old Phillip Luka and 34-year-old Sunday John were killed on September 23 at a mining site in Kworos Gangare, Barkin Ladi Local Government Area. The group said farmlands in Jol, Riyom; Exland, Gashish; Rapwomol and Dorowa Babuje were destroyed the same day, threatening the livelihoods and food security of affected families.

On September 24, two people were killed at Nghar, Exland, in Gashish District, while three others were killed at Gassa, Barkin Ladi. The three victims were identified as Ishaya Pam Dung, 47, a married father of two; Barnabas Gyang Jack, 23, married with one child; and 26-year-old Manasseh Luka Mushwer. The reported death toll therefore stands at seven — two miners at Kworos Gangare, two at Nghar, and three at Gassa. Five more Christians were also reported to have been killed in the area around 1pm on Saturday, Sept 26, 2026 while two persons were critically injured during an attack launched at the area's mining site in Marit, Barkin Ladi area of Plateau State, according to Punch Newspaper of Sat, Sept 26, 2026.

- **18 Christian Mourners Abducted By Jihadists On Way To Burial In Kogi-Benue Residents:** Protest Residents of Tyomu community in Makurdi Local Government Area of Benue State on Tuesday blocked the Makurdi-Gboko Highway to protest the reported abduction of 18 members of their community, including eight women. The victims were reportedly travelling to Kogi State for a burial ceremony when they were abducted on Friday, September 25, along the Adoka-Ankpa road. Community members said the kidnappers subsequently demanded a ₦30 million ransom. According to protesters, residents raised ₦3 million and paid the amount, but the abductors allegedly failed to release the victims. The development sparked anger in Tyomu, with residents carrying fresh palm fronds and blocking the busy highway for several hours. The protest caused significant disruption to traffic, leaving motorists stranded. The incident has renewed concerns over the security of travelers along the Benue-Kogi corridor, particularly for residents travelling for important family and social occasions.
- **Terrorists Abduct Newlywed Christian Couple, Four Other Guests In Kwara State:** According to Eagle Online of Sept 27, 2026, a newlywed couple, identified as Funmilayo Bamidele and her husband, Reverend Abiodun David, and four others have reportedly been abducted along the Eruku-Iyemero Road bordering Kwara and Kogi states. The victims were reportedly abducted on Saturday evening while returning from their engagement ceremony in Eruku, Kwara State. Vanguard gathered from sources that the group was travelling in a vehicle expected to take the Isanlu Road when the driver reportedly opted for a back route to drop off the Best Man and other members of the group in Iyamoye, Kogi State. The vehicle was reportedly intercepted by suspected [terrorists](#) along the Iyemero-Eruku Road, where the occupants were abducted. Link: <https://theeagleonline.com.ng/terrorists-abduct-newlywed-couple-four-others-in-kwara/>

- **Three Christian Women Killed In Plateau State Mining Site:** According to media reports, suspected Fulani Jihadists had on Monday afternoon, Sept 28, 2026, launched gun attack on Ratum community mining site in Barkin Ladi Local Government Area of Plateau State, killing at least three Christian women. The attack occurred at about 4.30pm and was confirmed by Rwang Tengwong, spokesperson of the Berom Youth Molders Association.
- **12 Christians Killed In Plateau-Nigeria Over A Period Of Three Days At The End Of Sept:**([Christian Daily International-Morning Star News](#), Oct 6, 2026) – Fulani gunmen in Nigeria killed at least 12 Christians in Barkin Ladi County, Plateau state over three days at the end of September, sources said. Five of the Christians were killed, and two wounded, in Marit village on Sept. 26, said area resident Luka Japson, adding that they were buried on Wednesday (Sept. 30). “On Wednesday, Sept. 30, in Marit village, we laid to rest five of our Christian brethren whose lives were cut short by armed Fulani terrorists,” Japson told Christian Daily International-Morning Star News. “The five Christians were killed by Fulani herdsmen at 1 p.m. as they were working at a mining site.” On Sept. 24 in predominantly Christian Kworos Gangare village, two Christians were killed by Fulanis, said community leader Rwang Tengwong. He identified the two slain Christians as Phillip Luka, 25, and Sunday John, 34.

They were killed at a mining site, he said. On the same day (Sept 24), Fulanis killed two Christians in Nghar (Ex-land) village and three in Gassa village, said community leader Rwang Tengwong. “The three Christian Christians killed in Gassa village are Ishaya Pam Dung, 47; Barnabas Gyang Jack, 23; and Manasseh Luka Mushwer, 26,” he said, adding that two other Christians were killed in Rubung village. Joyce Ramnap, Plateau State Commissioner for Information, confirmed these attacks. “Some communities in Plateau state have been targeted and attacked for some time now,” she said. “We condemn these attacks and appeal to residents of these communities to remain calm as efforts are being made to curtail the violence.” Meantime, the identity of a Baptist pastor killed in Kantoma community of Barkin Ladi area on Sept. 20 has surfaced. The pastor’s wife gave his name as the Rev. Andy Samuel, 53, at a funeral on Sept. 25.

- **Fulani Jihadists Killed Six Christians In Plateau-Nigeria On Oct 4 & 6):** According to Morning Star News of the International Christian Concern, dated Wednesday, Oct 7, 2026, Fulani gunmen in Nigeria shot two Christians to death in a village of Bokkos County, Plateau state, on Sunday (Oct. 4) and four others in Riyom County on Saturday, sources said. “Two Christians were killed and three others were injured by Fulani herdsmen in Mangor village on 4 October,” area youth leader Bwefang Sunday told Christian Daily International-Morning Star News. “In Bokkos this week, herdsmen have carried out attacks in Mangor and Bakanuk villages.” On the same night, Joshua Ishaku notified Christian Daily International-Morning Star News about the late night attack on Bokkos County’s Bakanuk village. “There’s an ongoing attack in Bakanuk,” Ishaku said.

“The injured Christian victim is currently under medical care at the Jos University Teaching Hospital. “Area resident Emmanuel Mashingil identified the wounded Christian as Mangai Godfrey. **Riyom County** In Plateau state’s Riyom County, armed Fulanis killed four Christians in attacks on two villages on Saturday (Oct. 3), sources said. “Armed Fulani terrorists have attacked Rim village, where they killed two Christians,” area resident Bulus Davou told Christian Daily International-Morning Star News in a text message. “On the same night they also invaded Wereng village, another Christian community, where two Christians, Joel Bwede, 39, and Justice Dadong, 22, were killed.” Predominantly Christian Jol village in Riyom County was attacked on Tuesday night (Oct. 6) at about 9 p.m. as residents were sleeping, said community leader Solomon Mwantiri. “A terror attack is currently ongoing in Jol community,” Mwantiri said in a text message. “The attackers are armed Fulani herdsman.”

- **Jihadist Fulani Militants Becoming Cannibalistic, killed 16 Christians And Beheaded Seven In Plateau State-Nigeria:** According to SG Christian News of Friday, Oct 9, 2026, quoting Respected and Award-winning Jos-based Religious Conflict Reporter, Masara Kim Usman, “out of sixteen Christians brutally killed in recently reported Fulani Militant Attack; were seven were buried without their heads. A heartbreaking account of violence against Christians has emerged, describing the brutal killing of 16 husbands and fathers who were reportedly surrounded on their farms and executed one after another by armed Fulani militants. According to the account shared by Masara Kim, seven of the victims were buried without their heads, leaving their families devastated. During a church memorial service held to honor the victims, grieving widows and relatives were overwhelmed by painful memories of their loved ones. One widow never had the chance to bury her husband's head, which was reportedly taken by the attackers after his beheading. **Source: Masara Kim (@masara.kim) | Instagram**
- **Fulani Jihadists Abducted Five Christians And A 6-Month-Old Baby In Kaduna And Burned United Methodist Church In Taraba State:** ([Christian Daily International-Morning Star News](#), Friday, Oct 9, 2026) – Fulani assailants on Tuesday (Oct. 6) broke into homes near the capital of Kaduna State and kidnapped five Christians and a 6-month-old baby, sources said. The assailants abducted the Christians in home break-ins that began at 3 a.m. in the Rahusa Estate residential area of Millennium City, Chikun County, near Kaduna city, said area resident Linda Paul. “Two women were among the kidnapped victims, a pregnant woman and another woman with a 6-month-old baby,” Paul told Christian Daily International-Morning Star News. “In one of the houses, three members of a family were kidnapped – a man, his wife and daughter. The bandits are demanding a ransom of 350 million naira [\$263,000] for this family of three to be released.” Paul said the “Fulani bandits” surrounded and broke into her home, but she and her family were able to escape. “I know the bandits who invaded our community to be Muslim Fulani bandits,” she said.

“At the time they were attacking us, we heard them communicating with each other in Fulfulde, the Fulani language.” Suspected Fulanis also attacked Chikun County’s Ungwan Waziri village, near Karji, on Oct. 1, killed a Christian and kidnapped several others, said resident Grey Akans. “A Christian man was killed, and several other Christians were kidnapped,” Akan said. “A 9-year-old boy and his uncle were kidnapped, leaving the mother of the kidnapped boy in distress.” Christians in Chikun said they are worried about a surge in Christians killed or kidnapped. “The bandits entered an apartment in Ungwan Waziri area of Chikun Local Government Area, along Yakowa road, close to Shema filling station, took their time to successfully break the wall and abducted people,” resident Grace Bamaïyi told Christian Daily International-Morning Star News. “Other affected communities are Maraban Rido and Bagado. Four families were kidnapped by the bandits.

“In Chikun County’s predominantly Christian Babban Saura area on the outskirts of Kaduna city, suspected Fulanis armed with deadly weapons on Oct. 1 killed a man at about 1 a.m. and abducted others, said resident Joshua Yakubu. “A man was killed, while his wife, children, and other residents were kidnapped,” Yakubu said. “They remain in captivity.” Christian residents say unceasing attacks by Fulani gunmen has made it difficult for them to attend church worship services. “Christians have been under serious and series of attacks lately – when night approaches, sleep automatically disappears from our eyes because we don’t know when and where the next attack will come from,” said area resident Zipporah Felix. Another resident, Andrew Lawal, said unending killings and kidnappings that continue to ravage Christian communities in Kaduna state have plunged many Christians into abject poverty, leaving countless families struggling to survive.

“The recent wave of attacks across several Christian communities in Chikun Local Government Area is a clear testament to the unfortunate realities bedeviling most communities in the southern part of Kaduna state, which has predominantly Christian communities,” Lawal said. “Christians have continued to grapple with the constant fear of terror attacks that threaten their safety and well-being. Resident Isaac Kwassau said Christians are being kidnapped and killed every day in the area. “The killings of Christians in Kaduna state by Muslim bandits is the most senseless thing in recent times,” Kwassau said. “Innocent lives are being wasted.” Resident Alexandra Caleb added, “We can’t sleep anymore because of gunshots every night.”

...Taraba’s United Methodist Church Building Burned: In Taraba state’s Jauro Gana village in Ardo Kola County, a brawl between Muslims and Christians at a gaming spot on Sept. 25 led to Muslims setting a church building ablaze and attacking a pastor on Sept. 26, sources said. The Muslims reportedly ransacked the United Methodist Church in Nigeria (UMCN) building, destroying pews, windows and musical instruments.

- **Kaduna State Government Intensifies Blockage Of Media Reports On Abduction Of Over 50 Christians And Killing Of 20 Others In Southern Kaduna Through Sept To Early Oct 2026:** Despite Government clampdown and widespread blockage of the media reports of strings of abduction and killing of Christians in Southern Kaduna for political reasons, sources have continued to reveal that different parts of the Southern Kaduna have been hit by a wave of abductions and killings especially through the months of Sept and first ten days of Oct 2026. The above is the extent that recent abductions and targeted killings have surged across the Christian-held parts of the State through Sept and October 2026. In Baban Sora and Arohus Estate in Chikun, Islamic Jihadists raid in early Oct 2026 led to killing of a resident and abduction of nine Christian residents.

Days later, in the same area, Jihadists abducted a couple were and their six-month-old baby and in an attack in nearby PWA one man was killed and his wife, son and six others went missing. In Ungwan Makama attack that took place in Sept 2026, Jihadists stormed Tohun Kamazu in Kachia Local Government Area, near the Kaduna Refinery, one person was killed and five others abducted. In another attack that took place in Ungwan Tasapa/Maraban Kajuru in Sept 2026, Jihadist Herdsmen struck in early morning and abducted six residents and critically injured one person with machetes. In the end, no fewer than 50 Christians including “dark figures” have been abducted and at least 20 other Christians killed in different parts of Southern Kaduna between Sept and first ten days of Oct 2026. Sources further disclosed that such attacks have become a daily routine in the affected areas of the State.

- **Jihadist Fulani Bandits Killed Igbo-Christian Humanitarian Professional Lydia Nwankwo, Others In Sokoto:** According to reports, Lydia and unnamed other humanitarian workers were killed by Jihadist Fulani Bandits on Tuesday, Oct 6, 2026 in Shagari Local Government Area of Sokoto while returning from field work in the area. One of the sources that confirmed the attack was Lydia’s sister, Chisom Nwankwo, who confirmed it on her Facebook page on Wednesday, Oct 7, 2026, saying the attackers opened fire on their convoy and killed Lydia and possibly others instantly. Also on Wednesday night of Oct 7, 2026, reports had it that Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen struck in Omulonye in Ugboju, Otukpo, Benue State, killing at least three Christians including a 4-year-old boy. In a separate attack that took place around 6pm on Wednesday, Oct 7, 2026, near Rantis Village, along Gashishi-Barkin Ladi Road in Plateau State, Rwas Paul Danladi, a former Chairman of the Berom Youth Molders Association in the area was ambushed and killed while returning to Barkin Ladi on his bike. In the night of Friday, Oct 9, 2026, The Persecuted Hope and Masara Kim Usman posted that two Christians were killed in Kazok Village of Barkin Ladi Local Government Area of Plateau State.
- **Truth-Nigeria Exclusively Reports Boko Haram’s Erasure Of Christian Communities In Adamawa’s Hong Local Government And Other Weekly Coordinated Attacks Including Killing And Abduction Of Dozens And Burning Of Houses, Churches And Other Properties:** According to Truth-Nigeria’s Special Report of Saturday, Oct 10, 2026, titled: *“Exclusive: Nigerian Christian Villages Erased as Boko Haram Levels Churches and Escalates Mass Abductions”*.

Boko Haram, a violent Islamic extremist organization responsible for severe harm and human-rights abuses, has destroyed an EYN church — Ekklesiyar Yan’uwa a Nigeria, the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria — one of the country’s largest indigenous Christian denominations and carried out mass abductions across Adamawa State, in what local Christian leaders describe as a deliberate campaign to erase indigenous Christian communities. The church destruction occurred on 8 October 2026. Local clergy told TruthNigeria that the EYN church was completely destroyed. Reverend Mannaseh Mbafé, Secretary of the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), Hong Local Government Chapter, confirmed the attack.

In a separate exclusive interview, Ibrahim Samuel, Liaison Media Officer for the EYN District Church Councils in Shaffa, said Boko Haram fighters also struck Zdur, near Tashan Alade, where they abducted students returning from their final exams at the College of Education Waka-Biu. The militants also seized two cars, one tricycle, and an unspecified number of farmers from Galanduwa, he told TruthNigeria. Samuel urged parents to contact their children to confirm their safety, noting that the exact number of abducted students and civilians remains unknown. He added that the scale of the abductions has gone largely unreported, even as Boko Haram continues taking people from farms into captivity. Christian farmer David Isaac separately confirmed to TruthNigeria that the attack extended beyond the church: shops, chemists, and pharmacy stores were looted, and several residents remain missing, either killed or abducted. “What we are passing through is a systematic and calculated genocide against indigenous Christians,” Manasseh told TruthNigeria. “Thousands have been displaced. We have been conducting mass burials of Christians. Eight Christian communities have already been completely displaced. Our communities that are being erased are 100 percent Christian. We have lost count of loved ones lost to Boko Haram terrorists,” Rev. Manasseh said. Those eight villages, he said, were entirely Christian before the attacks. Congregations that once gathered, and families that tilled the soil, are gone. Abandoned compounds and unmarked graves stand where they lived. Manasseh said the aim is to strip indigenous Christians of ancestral land. Nightfall brings no relief. Residents describe a constant dread that the next burst of gunfire will finish another village. “The pictures of the recent mass burials you have seen are recent,” Manasseh told TruthNigeria. The erasure of fully Christian communities in Hong is not a string of isolated incidents, CAN and EYN officials tell TruthNigeria. It is an existential crisis. Without action to secure the villages, dismantle terrorist footholds, and return the displaced to their land, they warn, these ancient Christian farming communities will be extinguished under unchecked terror.

...Unrelenting Assaults on Civilian Populations

A second exclusive interview puts a survivor’s voice at the center of the same claim. Tabitha Yusuf, a young woman who lived through the massacres, told TruthNigeria that civilians are the target and that faith is the line the attackers use. “Neither women nor children are spared,” she said. “They kill the men and kidnap the women for sex slavery.

Our only offense is that we are Christians. They came in the night and killed dozens of Christians on 1st October and now even on following days. The Boko Haram terrorists have not stopped; they are still coordinating the attacks and killing of Christians,” Yusuf told TruthNigeria. She described sudden incursions, burned homes, selective killing, and abduction. Men are shot. Women are taken. The pattern, she said, is repeated across Hong county (Local Governance Area) hamlets. For young women in rural Adamawa, captivity is now part of daily fear. Church officials say murder and abduction together are tearing apart the social fabric of indigenous Christian communities.

TruthNigeria reported a rising wave of attacks in Adamawa since January in its August 20th post: in January, Boko Haram attacked Mubang and Zar in Hong LGA while suspected fighters struck Kirchinga in Madagali LGA; in February, twin attacks killed 25 people in Shuwari and Kirchinga, followed by strikes on Guyaku and Telabala in Gombi LGA that killed 29 people where ISWAP claimed responsibility. As terrorism continues to ravage rural farming enclaves across Adamawa and southern Borno, indigenous communities face an existential battle for survival amidst silence, looting, and ongoing violent displacements. <https://truthnigeria.com/2026/10/exclusive-nigerian-christian-villages-erased-as-boko-haram-levels-churches-and-escalates-mass-abductions/>

- **At Least 40 Christians Killed, 50 Abducted, Churches And Civilian Houses Burned Down In Adamawa’s Hong And Gombi Counties From Sept To Early 10 Days Of Oct 2026:** Based on the exclusive report of the Truth-Nigeria, dated Oct 10, 2026 and other findings from other primary sources, it is estimated that no fewer than 30 defenseless Christians, drawn from indigenous Christian communities in Hong Local Government Area of Adamawa State have been killed, 50 abducted and at least three churches burned down by Boko Haram.

As commendably reported by Truth-Nigeria, the Boko Haram attacks in the area have been going on unchallenged, forcing eight indigenous Christian communities into displacement in Hong Local Government Area alone. The latest attacks under review started since the beginning of Sept 2026 and run through the first ten days of Oct 2026; amidst series of such attacks since January 2026.

In neighboring Christian-held Guyaku in Gombi Local Government Area, Boko Haram Islamic terrorists attacked Christian-held Bela-Tela village of Guyaku District in Gombi Local Government Area of Adamawa State, killing one Christian and burning down EYN LCC No 2 Church, during which a car and other properties were also set ablaze. The attack took place on Thursday, Oct 8, 2026. Another EYN Church was also set ablaze and burned down on Sept 7, 2026 during attacks in the area, during which more than 12 Christians were also killed.

- No Fewer Than 20 Christians Slain In Benue, Many Injured, Nine Bodies Recovered And Scores Went Missing After Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen Attack That Started On Friday, Oct 9 Through Saturday, Oct 10, 2026:** According to Vanguard Newspaper of Sunday, Oct 11, 2026 and other media reports, at least nine dead bodies of persons killed in fresh attacks by suspected armed herdsmen on Tse-Nyaku, Tse-Biliji and adjoining communities in Mbatian Council Ward of Ngenev, Ukum Local Government Area of Benue State have been recovered. Several others were reportedly injured, while an unspecified number of residents were said to be missing following the attacks, which began at about 11pm on Friday. A local source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the assailants invaded the communities in large numbers, shooting sporadically and forcing residents to flee their homes. According to the source, nine bodies had so far been recovered from the affected communities.

“The attackers came in large numbers and started shooting in the communities. Luckily, many people managed to escape, except for the nine who have been confirmed dead for now because their corpses have been recovered. “However, it is very likely that the number could increase because many people have not been seen, and no one knows whether they were killed or escaped to other communities. “Our people discovered that one of armed herdsmen is in possession of the phones of one of the victims and he has been using it to make and receive calls. The attacked communities have also already been deserted. It is a very sad day for our people. The Sankera axis of Benue has become a shadow of itself due to the level of insecurity,” he said. “Going forward, not less than 20 indigenous Christians of the affected areas are likely to have been killed”-InterSociety said.
- Two Christians Abducted In Southern Kaduna, One Killed In Bokkos And Three In Riyom Mining Site In Plateau State:** Two Christians have been by Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen in the morning of Friday, Oct 9, 2026 while working on their farms along the Kampani-Kachia Road in Southern part of Kaduna State. This is as one Christian was reportedly to have been killed in Bokkos part of Plateau State in the night of Saturday, Oct 10, 2026. Three miners who were Christians were also reported to have been killed in Tin Mining Site located in Tanjol area, Jol Community in Riyom Local Government Area of Plateau State. The attack took place around 11.am on Friday, Oct 9, 2026, during which two others were seriously injured. The attack was also confirmed by Publicity Secretary of the Berom Youth Movement, Mr. Twang Tengwong.
- Over Ten Yam Farmers Believed To Be Christians Abducted By Jihadist Fulani Bandits In Kogi State:** According to reports, Jihadist Fulani Bandits struck in the evening of Thursday, Oct 8, 2026 and abducted at least ten yam farmers believed to be Christians along Ogbe-Koro axis of Yagba West Local Government Area of Kogi State. The victims were transporting tubers of yam from Ogbe to Egbe when armed bandits ambushed and abducted them. They were said to have been rescued on Sunday, Oct 11 by security forces.

- Recent Discovery Of 28 Human Skulls Of Abducted Victims Inside Umunneochi Jihadist Fulani Forest Camps In Abia State:** According Guardian Newspaper of Sept 28, 2026 and other media reports, a shocking discovery of 28 human skulls and other bones has been made following what the Abia State Police Command claimed to be “a police raid on suspected criminal camps in the forests of Umuaku-Isuochi and Nneato in [Umunneochi Local Government Area](#) of Abia State”. The [Abia State Police Command](#) said “the remains were found during intelligence-led operations carried out on Sunday as part of its ongoing effort to dismantle suspected criminal hideouts across the State”. According to the command, tactical operatives from the Violent Crime Response Unit, Anti-Kidnapping Unit, Anti-Cultism Unit, Intelligence Response Unit, Rapid Response Squad and Isuochi Police Headquarters took part in the operation. The police said the occupants of the camps fled when the operatives arrived, leaving the hideouts deserted. “Upon arrival of the Command tactical operatives at the camps, the suspects ran. The criminal camps were subsequently scattered,” the police spokesperson, Maureen Chinaka, said. During a search of the abandoned camps, the operatives discovered the human remains. “Total of twenty-eight (28) human skulls and bones, which we suspect are kidnap victims, were recovered,” Chinaka said.

...InterSociety: Beyond the police statement, usually falsified and doctored, especially in denying Jihadist Herdsmen involvement and their activities; the area particularly most forests of Umunneochi Local Government Area of Abia State have been dens of Jihadist Fulani kidnappings, abductions, disappearances and killings targeted at defenseless Igbo Christian travelers, rural dwellers, farmers and other road users since 2022. It must be remembered that it was in the same area that the present Government of Abia State, barely months into office in 2023, busted dens of Jihadist Fulani terror camps including the Lokpanta Fulani Cattle Market where hundreds of fresh, decomposed and decayed human bodies were discovered, but later swept under the carpet. It was also in the area that the head of the Methodist Church in Nigeria (Dr. Samuel Kanu-Uche and two of his pastors) were abducted on May 29, 2022 and hundreds of others abducted in the same axis, with several victims’ accounts directly naming Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen as culprits. Affected communities and their forests connected by Enugu-Umuahia-Aba-Port Harcourt Federal Road included Umuchieze, Nneato and Isuochi and their villages of Umuaku, Lomara, Lokpa-ukwu, Lokpanta, Leru, Lekwesi, etc.

- Nigerian Military Abducts Religious Freedom Reporter, Lawrence Zongo, Goes After Victims; Protect Attackers And Covers-up Their Jihadist Attacks:** ([Christian Daily International-Morning Star News](#), Thursday, Oct 8, 2026) – A religious freedom advocate and Christian journalist in Nigeria was being held without charges and incommunicado after soldiers arrested him at a military hospital, where relatives attacked by Fulani gunmen were receiving treatment, sources said. Lawrence Zongo, a journalist with Truth Nigeria and a volunteer with Amnesty International, was arrested on Monday (Oct. 5) at a health facility of the Nigerian Army, Maxwell Khobe Cantonment (Rukuba Barracks), in Jos, where a cousin had earlier succumbed to injuries from the Fulani attack, according to Truth Nigeria.

“One of the victims – a first cousin – had died by the time Zongo arrived late Monday morning,” Truth Nigeria reported. “Sources say while he was still processing the loss, soldiers arrested him and held him incommunicado. His only ‘offense,’ sources allege, was being a rights activist who visited the barracks wearing Ray-Ban glasses.” Military authorities were denying Zongo, a member of the Evangelical Church Winning All (ECWA), access to lawyers and family, reported the outlet, operated by U.S.-based aid agency Equipping The Persecuted. “He had gone to the hospital at Maxwell Khobe Cantonment (Rukuba Barracks), HQ of 3 Division, to assist his cousins attacked Sunday night in Miango, Bassa LGA,”

Truth Nigeria stated. The Christians receiving treatment at the military hospital were attacked in their homes by Fulani gunmen on Sunday (Oct. 4), and military personnel who went to the scene of the incident had taken them to their hospital. Zongo had gone to the hospital to assist the wounded when soldiers arrested him. Military personnel had arrested Zongo a few years ago for reporting cases of rights violations, he previously told Christian Daily International-Morning Star News. During his first arrest, he was beaten and suffered other mistreatment, and he was released only after expressions of public outrage over his detention, he said. “We hope Lawrence Zongo gets released immediately,” said Judd Saul, Founder of Truth Nigeria. “I wish that the military would spend these resources apprehending Fulani ethnic militia that are committing the real crimes.”. The Nigerian newspaper reported that Zongo has documented insecurity and human rights abuses in Plateau state for years. Christians have questioned the rationale behind his arrest and called for Zongo’s release, such as Grace Gye stating on Facebook, “Free Lawrence Zongo. He is not a criminal. He is a rights activist with a heart of gold, committed to standing for justice and the voiceless.”

According to Lawyer Emmanuel Ogebe, a respected international Human Rights Advocate, in his Oct 8, 2026 post, *“just last year, Lawrence lost eight relatives in the Palm Sunday massacre at Zikke, in Plateau state that claimed over 50 lives. Despite that loss, he volunteered with us to treat a widow who lost seven family members including husband, children and in-laws and receive a prosthetic limb. Zongo who just turned 40 is a consistent voice and activist for victims. We had been waiting for him to undertake a follow up treatment for the widow only to discover the silence was due to his detention. Incidentally Lawrence had just been in an accident and yet made the sacrifice to visit victims while still recuperating himself. That’s the kind of committed humanitarian he has been over the last dozen years. It’s infuriating that instead of devoting resources and energy to finding and fighting the real terrorists, the military is detaining defenseless victims, community members, heroes and allies while known terrorists in government roam free”*.

- Nigerian Government Introduces Bill To Silence And Cripple Religious Freedom Voices And Their Documentations-Seeking To Block Their Access To Foreign Aids:** According to Truth-Nigeria report of Sept 24, 2026, A proposed Nigerian foreign-aid law could give officials new powers over organizations that document genocidal attacks, raising fresh questions about who controls evidence of Christian persecution. [The Foreign Aid \(Regulation, Transparency and Disclosure\) Bill 2026](#), designated as SB 1034, has passed its second reading in the Nigerian Senate. Sponsored by Senator Ibrahim Hassan Dankwambo (PDP-Gombe North), the bill seeks to establish a Foreign Aid Regulatory Commission (FARC) equipped with sweeping executive powers to register, inspect, audit, and unilaterally shut down non-governmental organizations, religious institutions, and media houses that accept foreign grants. While Senate President Godswill Akpabio defended the measure as a vital national security initiative to cut off financial streams to insurgent networks, frontline civil society coalitions warn that its statutory provisions operate as a Trojan horse designed to stifle state accountability. The Catholic Bishops' Conference of Nigeria has now joined civil-society groups in warning that the proposed framework could affect organizations serving communities caught in violence.

...Bishops Raise a New Warning

[The bishops' September 19 communiqué](#) urged the National Assembly and federal government to halt the legislation, warning that its provisions could give officials excessive discretion over churches, humanitarian organizations and others receiving foreign assistance. "National development must begin with respect for human dignity and the protection of fundamental rights, not expanding state control over charitable institutions," the Catholic Bishops stated in their official communiqué. For TruthNigeria, the concern extends beyond aid distribution. Churches and humanitarian organizations often operate in communities where attacks, abductions and displacement occur. Their workers may be among the first to document casualties, abandoned villages and the needs of displaced families. If organizations receiving foreign funding face additional registration, disclosure and compliance requirements, the question becomes whether the regulatory system could affect the independence of organizations documenting those events.

...Gagging the Field Monitors

The concern predates the bishops' objection. "Subjecting independent media and human rights groups to an additional executive-controlled regulatory regime creates conditions conducive to self-censorship as Nigeria approaches the 2027 general elections," Kolawole Oluwadare, Deputy Director of the Socio-Economic Rights and Accountability Project (SERAP), told TruthNigeria. The bill's most dangerous lever lies in Section 11, which mandates that all foreign-funded activities must strictly "align" with national development priorities set by the executive branch. Under Section 6, organizations that fail to register foreign grants within 30 days face \$14,285.71 fines and five-year prison terms for their directors. Human rights lawyers point out that because the federal government routinely denies the targeted nature of massacres across the Middle Belt, state regulators could easily brand independent atrocity mapping as "contrary to national interest" to revoke operational licenses.

...Who Controls the Evidence?

The proposed law comes as organizations tracking religious violence continue to produce data challenging competing narratives about Christian genocide in Nigeria. Among the prime targets of this regulatory net could be the Observatory for Religious Freedom in Africa (ORFA), an independent research program that publishes detailed statistical audits tracking civilian fatalities across high-conflict zones.

In a landmark six-year report cross-referencing nearly 80,000 deaths, ORFA data revealed that armed ethnic militias killed 18,577 civilians, nearly four times the civilian fatalities inflicted by Boko Haram and ISWAP combined, with Christian farming populations slaughtered at 4.4 times the rate of Muslims in affected areas. “The bill and the broader ongoing legislative push to muzzle NGOs is among the most dangerous pieces of legislation to enter the National Assembly since Nigeria’s return to democratic rule in 1999,” Professor Chidi Anselm Odinkalu, a prominent human rights lawyer, said in an institutional statement.

...A Parallel Crisis of State Narrative Warfare

The importance of documentation such as ORFA’S extends beyond Nigeria’s borders. President Donald Trump used his September 22 address to the United Nations General Assembly to criticize the U.N. Human Rights Council for inadequate attention to Christian persecution. “Christians are being persecuted all over the world; it’s not even believable,” Trump said during the speech. Trump’s address puts the protection and documentation of persecuted Christians into a broader international policy conversation. The alignment highlights an ongoing parallel crisis between Washington and Abuja: while political elites in ruling establishments move to downplay or censor the systemic nature of anti-Christian violence, suffering communities rely on independent, foreign-funded monitors to bring field realities to light. “The ruling elites are panicking because independent monitors are using digital mapping to bypass state censorship and expose the graphic realities of Fulani terrorists... who are moving through the Middle Belt, slaughtering citizens in their sleep and driving hundreds of thousands into internal refugee camps to the Western world,” said Judd Saul, founder of Equipping the Persecuted, said in a public statement.

- **Truth-Nigeria’s Equipping The Persecuted Reports Jihadist Killing Of 4,216 Christians In Jan-Sept 8, 2026:** According to Truth-Nigeria’s Report of Sept 29, 2026, armed Jihadist Fulani Militants and allied others have killed no fewer than 4,216 Christians between Jan 1 and Sept 8, 2026. The released statistics was credited to “Equipping The Persecuted”, a U.S.-based nonprofit based in Sioux City, Iowa, the United States of America, said to have compiled the statistics, translating to 16.8 deaths a day, or one every 86 minutes. Equipping The Persecuted and its religious conflict tracking media outfit, Truth-Nigeria are founded by Judd Saul. The Truth-Nigeria of Sept 29, 2026 also reported the killing by Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen, of Pastor Samuel Nandi, a Baptist pastor ambushed and killed on his way to church on Sunday morning, September 20, when gunmen shot him dead. His secretary was killed with him in Maraban Kantoma, near Dorowa Babuje village in Barkin Ladi County, Plateau State. His son was critically wounded, residents said.

Baptist pastor Samuel Nandi was shot and killed by suspected Muslim Fulani militants while on his way to a church service in central Nigeria's Plateau State, one of at least nine people killed in a series of attacks. He died early Sunday after being ambushed. The pastor will not appear in the newest count of Nigeria's Christian dead. He was killed 12 days after it closed. ETP calls the figure a floor, not a ceiling. It builds the count from field reports, eyewitness and survivor testimony and local contacts, and a death enters its master registry only after names, incidents and supporting evidence are reconciled. The group also estimates more than 5 million Christians displaced and more than 600 Christian communities destroyed or emptied. Those are ETP's figures, not national statistics compiled by the UN. ...A Weekend in Barkin Ladi. The Report also further noted that apart from killing the Baptist pastor and at least eight other Christians in Barkin Ladi County that weekend, in the evening of September 19, Fulani militants ambushed and killed five Christians in Gana-Ropp village of Plateau and in neighboring Benue State, eight Christians were reported killed in Ayilamo, Logo County, on September 10 and that none of those deaths are in the 4,216 as each came after the count closed. Link: <https://truthnigeria.com/2026/09/shot-on-his-way-to-church-a-nigerian-killed-every-86-minutes/>

- **Abductors Of 20 Youth Corpers, Other Passengers In Imo State Demand N50m Each:** According to Punch Newspaper of Oct 3, 2026, Abductors who seized 19 graduates travelling from Ibadan, Oyo State, for their National Youth Service Corps orientation camps have demanded N950m for their release, Saturday PUNCH has learnt. The victims were travelling in two buses when gunmen attacked them along the Owerri-Onitsha Road in Umunoha, Imo State, on Thursday. The Managing Director of Uko Akwa Ibom Motors Nigeria Limited, Isiah Akpan, who confirmed the incident to Saturday PUNCH on Friday, said the gunmen demanded N50m for each of the victims. He noted that occupants of the vehicles, owned by his company, were corps members heading to Abia and Akwa Ibom orientation camps. Saturday PUNCH gathered that the abductors contacted some of the victims' families and demanded N50m for each person. The demand heightened anxiety among families as security operatives continued efforts to locate the missing passengers.

Recounting how the incident happened, Akpan said the two buses left Bodija/Samonda Park in Ibadan on Wednesday but were delayed by traffic around Benin, Edo State. According to him, the intervention delayed the movement of security personnel as they attempted to pursue the abductors. The two buses were subsequently left at the scene, with passengers' belongings scattered inside the vehicles. A parent of one of the victims, who did not want to be named for security reasons, told Saturday PUNCH that the abductors contacted her through her son's phone and demanded N50m for his release. "The kidnappers called with my son's phone this morning (Friday) and demanded N50m for his release. The N50m is for only my son," she said.

Another mother, who identified herself as Mrs Oladosu, whose daughter, Greatness, was travelling to Uyo, said the abductors briefly contacted the family through her daughter's phone. She said the family was able to see Greatness and other victims during a video call. "They used my daughter's number to call us. We saw her and other corps members sitting on the ground in the bush, crying. Where will petty traders get N50m? They are just going to serve Nigeria; why this punishment?" Oladosu lamented. In a viral video obtained by Saturday PUNCH on Friday, Mrs Alimotu Akanke, the mother of another victim, Akande Farouq, said she had been tracking her son's journey when the distress message arrived. Farouq, who was posted to Abia State, according to his mother, managed to send a one-word message, "Kidnappers!", to his family WhatsApp group before his telephone line went dead. A manifest from the two affected vehicles listed 30 passengers, 15 in each bus, while two other vehicles operated by the same company and heading to Abia State escaped the attack. **Among those on the manifest were Akande Kehinde, Olaleye Mary, Oladosu Greatness, Obafunsho Rhoda, Abdulrof Anifat, Esther Oyede, Hassan Usman, Ayomide Isa, Mary Makinde, Azeez Adejoke and Abdulrazag Anifat.** Link: <https://punchng.com/nysc-kidnap-n950m-ransom-throws-families-into-panic/>

...Kidnappers Collected More Than N120m To Free 19 Corpsers, Another-Families: According to Vanguard Newspaper and Sahara Reporters of Thursday, Oct 8, 2026, more than N120m was mobilized, converted in dollars and paid to kidnappers of about 19 members of the National Youth Service Corps before being freed on Wednesday, Oct 7, 2026. Their abductors had on Oct 3, 2026, demanded N950m or N50m each as a condition for freeing the abductees-who are mostly from Oyo State. The security forces had upon their ransomed release, claimed to have "rescued them", a claim immediately debunked by some families of the abducted who disclosed in details how the ransoms were mobilized and paid. One of the mothers revealed that she paid N6m to have her son back. The victim's mother, speaking in an interview with News Central TV, said the abductors initially demanded N50 million for each of the victims before eventually reducing the ransom to N6 million per person. She said the abductors first contacted the families and allowed the victims to speak with them to confirm that they were alive. "The terrorists first demanded N50 million. They gave the abductees phone to confirm that they were alive. We now asked if the money is for all of them, they said no. The money is for each of them," she said

According to the mother, the families initially offered N500,000 but the abductors rejected the offer and threatened to kill the victims. "It was later they agreed for us to pay N6 million and that was what we paid. We paid N6 million," she said. She explained that the parents of the victims in Ibadan subsequently held a meeting and agreed on how to raise and transport the ransom to Imo State. "We called a meeting of the parents of the victims in Ibadan. And we agreed to pay the money into our account and convert it to dollars when taking it to Imo.

And that was what we did,” she said. The mother said the family later confirmed that the abducted prospective corps members had been released, adding that her son’s brother was part of the negotiating team that travelled to Imo State with relatives of other victims. “It is true that they have released them. We saw the video. His brother was among the people who were in the negotiating team. His brother confirmed the ransom payment and he went there with the parents of other victims,” she said.

- **Truth-Nigeria Reveals The Imo NYSC Abductors As Jihadist Fulani Militants:** According to Truth-Nigeria of Oct 6, 2026, “Fulani Militia Torture 15 (19 Kidnapped Nigerian Graduates as Ransom Deadline Expires”); thereby confirming local reporters and residents’ insistence that the abduction was carried out by Jihadist Fulani Militants. InterSociety had also in its several reports since 2021 strongly alleged that Nigerian security forces particularly the military have assisted and protected the Fulani Jihadists in massive and widespread incursions into major forests, bushes and farmlands located across Igbo Land and their violent occupation thereto. Such violent occupation has also secretly and politically been protected by political actors in the Region-particularly most of the South-East in return for being assisted to emerge governors of their respective States through roguish elector victories. Few others who decide to govern their States independently and credibly by credible electoral victories, are being frustrated and suppressed by federally controlled security forces and their ethno-religiously motivated operations and law enforcements. As expected, the 19 NYSC members and another victim were said to have “regained their freedom on Wednesday, Oct 7, 2026”, with the officials keeping mute as per the identities of their abductors and their sacred cow treatment including non-arrest of those responsible, most likely because they are Jihadist Fulani Herdsmen

The Truth-Nigeria had reported that the abducted university graduates—traveling for Nigeria’s mandatory national service—have been beaten in captivity as kidnappers’ slash ransom demands and police warn the militants’ camp is rigged with explosives; adding that the prospective corps members, mostly graduates of the University of Ibadan (UI) and Ladoke Akintola University of Technology (LAUTECH), Ogbomoso, were travelling on buses operated by Udua King Transport Services from Ibadan, Oyo State, to an orientation camp in Abia State, when they were attacked by the kidnappers. TruthNigeria’s investigation reveals that four passenger buses had been commissioned by the transport company to convey the prospective corps members to the NYSC permanent orientation camp in Abia State. The buses took off from Udua King Transport Services bus terminal at Bodija/Samonda park in Ibadan, Oyo state on the morning of Wednesday, 30 September, 2026 but were delayed by heavy traffic at Benin City, Edo State.

The vehicles eventually arrived in Onitsha, Anambra State, at about 10 pm same day (Wednesday) but could not proceed with the journey because of the bad condition of the road and the security risks associated with night travels, [according to](#) the Managing Director of Uko Akwa Ibom Motors Nigeria Limited, Isiah Akpan. Consequently, they were compelled to spend the night in Oba, Anambra State, before resuming their journey at about 5 am on Thursday 1 October, 2026.

After spending the night in Oba, a small town near Onitsha in Anambra state, the travelers resumed their journey the next morning but were attacked by the gunmen at Ihiala, a small town located near the boundary between Anambra and Imo state. Two of the buses [reportedly](#) escaped the ambush while the other two were intercepted by the gunmen. During the attack, 11 passengers and the drivers of the two affected buses managed to escape, while [15 passengers were abducted](#).

...Fulani Muslim Militants Involved: Truth-Nigeria also quoted an eye witness who recorded a [video of the incident](#) as saying that Fulani herdsmen blocked the federal highway along Onitsha – Owerri road, kidnapped passengers traveling in two buses and marched them into the nearby bush. A community leader in Umunoha, Chief Charles Obialor, [told the Nigerian Tribune](#) that some residents of the Community had abandoned their farmlands because of fear of attacks by suspected armed herders and this has made it possible for the farmlands to turn into forests, making it easier for criminals to operate. “For two years, we have abandoned our farmlands because of fear of being killed by the Fulani herdsmen”, said Obialor. “The place where I suspect they are keeping the victims is Alasieke Forest”, added Obialor, referring to the abducted NYSC members.

A source from the Umunoha community who spoke to TruthNigeria attributed the attack to traffic congestion caused by cattle crossing the expressway, which forced vehicles to slow down. “The tactic often used by the armed herdsmen is to launch attacks on travelers when their cattle are crossing the road,” the source said. “ And the moment a vehicle slows down to allow the cattle to cross the road, these bandits will emerge from the nearby bush and point their guns at the drivers of the vehicles”, the source added. Link to the Report is here: <https://truthnigeria.com/2026/10/fulani-militia-torture-15-kidnapped-nigerian-graduates-as-ransom-deadline-expires/>.

- **InterSociety Trusts Independent Sources’ Accounts Than Accounts Of The Police And The Army Over The Abduction Of Traveling NYSC Members And Others In Imo State Onitsha-Nigeria: Saturday, October 3, 2026:** By our several findings across Nigeria in recent times, crime scene incidents including abduction scene accounts and figures given by the Nigerian security forces particularly police, military and intelligence establishments have been found to be widely unbelievable and unreliable.

As a matter of fact, independent sources especially from victims and their families and vehicular conveying authorities are found to be much more reliable than those given by security agencies. Apart from constant promotion of false gallantry by security forces and mangling of casualty or incident figures, they are also found to be engaged in cover-ups and suppression of facts on the ground. In the South-East, false labeling, ethno-religious profiling, hasty and hearsay conclusions, class stigmatization and mass criminalization have remained their stock-in-trade in matters of criminal intelligence gathering and criminal investigations and associated arrests, arbitrary detention, abductions, torture, killings and disappearances. Deliberate operational loopholes have severally trailed security forces' "rescue operations" particularly in Middle-Belt, South-South and South-East Nigeria; to the extent that security forces' reports in places like Kogi, Kwara, Nasarawa, Enugu and Imo, among others are found to be gravely conflicting and riddled with concocted or doctored facts.

One of the recent such sad cases was the hasty and unverifiable announcement of the rescue of passengers abducted recently which later turned out to be complicated and twisted. The August 2026 abductions in Kogi and Benue States including the abduction of 15 NYSC Corpers, inclusive of at least ten Igbo Corpers are clear cases in point. Apart from clear conflicting accounts given by police and the military in the areas, some families immediately cried out, debunking the police and the military "rescue reports"; insisting that their beloved ones were yet to be freed. An Anambra family, with their abducted daughter from Nri and married in Enugu-Ukwu, went as far as openly launching tens of millions of naira appeal fund to pay the jihadist kidnappers to secure the release of their daughter whom security forces claimed to have rescued. Instances are too many to mention!

However, one of the very few recent unquestionable rescue operation reports announced by security forces was the rescue of the abducted school children in Oyo State. Contrarily, most, if not all the security forces rescue or law enforcement operations in the South-East are riddled with disfigurement of facts and cover-ups. For instance, the deployed security forces in the South-East particularly the police, the military and the intelligence establishments are widely accused of maintaining a permanent culture of protecting jihadist Fulani Herdsmen and their jihadist activities. These, they are strongly suspected to have done under the watchful eyes and conspiracy of the present South-East Governments; to the extent that greater number of such jihadist atrocities are hastily blamed by the above named security forces on "IPOB/ESN" or "unknown gunmen of Igbo extraction". Some security forces-linked 'False-Flagged Operations' are also sometimes reported by non-state actors across the South-East and randomly and discriminately blamed on wrong parties such as "IPOB/ESN", in furtherance and deepening of hate policing, ethno-religious profiling, mass criminalization and class stigmatization.

InterSociety has severally received feedbacks from relatives of some kidnap victims whose families were contacted from kidnappers' dens by the jihadist kidnappers or the victims themselves; for random payments. Such families, advised by InterSociety to contact the police or other security agencies; after informing us that their abducted relatives called from Jihadist Fulani kidnappers, got back to us to inform us that "they have been strongly advised by some persons closed to security quarters in the South-East to avoid mentioning Fulani Herdsmen when contacting the police or army or intelligence establishments, especially if they wanted their reported matters to be handled". Such feedbacks have been given to us by those that approached security formations within Anambra State, among others; during which they were advised to mention "Unknown gunmen or IPOB/ESN" as those behind the abduction of their loved ones.

InterSociety therefore makes bold to say that we are trusting independent accounts particularly in the ongoing handling of the abducted NYSC Corpers and other travelers in Imo State than those being dished out by security forces particularly the police and the military. Such trusted and believable independent accounts include: independent accounts from families of the victims (such as biodata of their relatives and primary information regarding their original transits, etc.); accounts from the owners and managements of the abducted buses (such as names in their passengers' manifests, number of those that boarded and their takeoffs, incident destinations, their time and dates); and independent accounts of those eventually freed or rescued (such as identities and religious faiths of those that abducted them, their treatments in captivity and how they were freed or rescued through state actor or non-state actor interventions).

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