CISLAC Condemns Insincerity in Boko Haram Dialogue

Following the recent submission of report by Presidential Committee on Boko Haram Dialogue, the Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC) observed as follows:

1. There was no genuine sincerity underlining the formation of the Committee; as President has practically dismissed all positive outcomes and recommendations made by the Committee.
2. The declaration of zero compensation for the victims—both civilians and members of Joint Task Force (JTF) — of dreadful attacks by Boko Haram insurgents has clearly showed no concern and lack of consideration for the well-being of all affected persons and their families.
3. Political and selfish pursuits have surpassed the genuine effort at achieving end to the ongoing insecurity in the North.
4. Presently, there is no noticeable security ground justifying the extension of the emergency rule in Adamawa state, which has recorded 80-85% success in internal security in the last three months following the declaration of the state of emergency.
5. The emergency rule has been extended in the three states, primarily for the economic benefit of some unpatriotic Nigerians, who enjoy unlawful allocation from security vote.
6. Situating Nigerian Army permanently in an internal mission would have no positive record for both personality and image of our nation’s military personnel.
7. Instead of genuine dialogue, the continuous needless massive deployment of troops who launched offensive against innocent citizens in the states to dislodge the insurgents would aggravate another era of instability.

CISLAC recommends as follows:

1. Immediate implementation of recommendations submitted by the Committee.
2. Discontinuity in emergency rule in Adamawa State; and prompt response and consideration by Federal Government on the provision for the protection, return, re-integration, resettlement, rehabilitation, compensation and remuneration of persons affected by the declaration.
3. Immediate compensation for the victims of insurgents attack to can provide succour for the children, parents, brothers, sisters and other family members they left behind.
4. Workable dialogue with the Boko Haram insurgents to protect lives and property of the innocent individuals from further destructions in the North.
5. Gradual and effective reintegration programme for the concerned citizens into their various communities.
6. Respect and priority to the image and personality of Nigeria Army via discontinuous permanent situation and massive deployment of troops who launched offensive against innocent citizens in the states in attempts to dislodge the insurgents.
7. All well-meaning Nigerians should canvass against unresolved allegations of abuses and human rights violations which attributed to security forces during their operations in the three states.