CISLAC Condemns Yobe Massacre

Following the Sunday mid-night attacks by unknown gunmen at College of Agriculture, Gujba, Yobe Sate that resulted to the death of over 50 students and seven teachers, Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre (CISLAC) observed as follows:

1. In recent times, Yobe State has witnessed series of brutal attacks by unknown gunmen targeting students; just as no fewer than 22 students and a teacher were reportedly killed at Government Secondary School, Mamudo, previously in the.
2. After the attacks launched on students, innocent travellers on Damaturu-Maiduguri Road were also attacked and killed; revealing the level of weakness in the state security situation.
3. Persistent devious attack on students has a negative impact on the future of Nigeria.
4. The insurgents have hidden under the ongoing ethno-religion struggles in the country and particularly weakness internal security in Yobe State to successfully launch baseless attacks on innocent and defenceless citizens.
5. The institution concerned and the government have taken insignificant measure against the earliest alert reportedly issued by the insurgents to attack the College.
6. The family and relatives of the victims have been thrown into terrible pains, emotional trauma, and sorrowful experience by the armed insurgents.
7. The Nonchalant attitude of the federal government towards the security situation in the country has sent a wrong signal to ethnic-religion terrorist militias thereby setting a regrettable precedence.

CISLAC RECOMMENDED AS FOLLOWS

1. Immediate step and strategic effort by security agencies to halt the senseless killing of defenceless citizens.
2. Government should instantly step-up security situation, especially at various educational institutions and places of worship in the state to prevent further attack on innocent lives.
3. Government should take as a matter of priority maximum safety of lives and property of the citizens.
4. Government in collaboration with security agencies should ensure that the perpetrators of such outrageous attacks against innocent students are apprehended and brought to justice, as they have proven enemy to peace, unity and development of the country.
5. The accountability of College management should be immediately questioned for it has hesitated to act promptly on the early warning alert by the insurgents.
6. Maximum protection for ‘whistle blowers’ against insurgents’ hideout in the state.
CISLAC therefore expresses its heartfelt condolence to the families and relatives of the victims.

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