

500 killed in Nigerian sectarian clashes

Govt sends in troops to troubled town

AFP, Jos

Nigeria's government sent in troops to the flashpoint northern Jos region yesterday after attacks by machete-wielding gangs on Christian villages that officials say killed at least 500 people.

Under fire for failing to prevent another outburst of sectarian violence only weeks after hundreds died in Muslim-Christian clashes, authorities said they had arrested scores of people in connection with the attacks.

Witnesses meanwhile described how the mainly women and children victims in Sunday's three-hour systematic orgy of violence were caught in animal traps and

fishing nets as they tried to flee their attackers, who hacked them to death.

The official death toll was initially put at a little over 100 but Dan Manjang, an advisor to the Plateau state government, said the toll had now been raised substantially.

"We have been able to make 95 arrests but at the same time over 500 people have been killed in this heinous act," Dan Manjang said in a telephone interview.

Government-run radio also reported that 500 people had been slaughtered in a night raid on three villages on the fringes of Jos, capital of Plateau state.

Witnesses and local rights activists put the figure at more than 200.

"By our latest count there are 202 bodies," said Shamaki Gad Peter, head of the League for Human Rights in Jos.

Shehu Sani, another leading rights activist, spoke of 250 people having been killed.

Much of the violence was centred around the village of Dogo Nahawa where gangs from the mainly Muslim Fulani ethnic group set fire to straw-thatched mud huts before embarking on the killing rampage in the early hours of Sunday.

Frank Tatgun, a resident of Dogo Nahawa, said that he had seen two armoured vehicles and three military trucks arrive in the village and scores of troops were now on patrol.



People walk around a destroyed house in Karakocan, in the Elazig province in Turkey after a devastating quake. At least 57 people were killed in the earthquake measuring 6.0 on the Richter scale.

PHOTO: AFP

Quake kills 57 in Turkey

AP, Ankara

A strong earthquake, with a preliminary magnitude of 6, hit eastern Turkey yesterday, killing 57 people and knocking down houses in at least six small villages, an official said.

The tremor struck six villages in Elazig province, toppling stone or mud-brick homes and minarets of mosques. Bekir Yanilmaz, the mayor of the nearby town of Kovancilar, provided CNN-Turk television with the death toll. The government's crisis centre put the number at 51.

The worst-hit area was the village of Okular where some 17 people were reported killed and homes crumbled into piles of dirt. Another 13 people were

killed in the village of Yukari Demirci, Gov Muammer Erol said.

The government's crisis centre said around 100 people were also injured in the quake, which occurred at 4:32 am (0232 GMT, 9 p.m. EST Sunday) in Elazig province, about 550km east of Ankara, the capital.

The earthquake, which caught many people in their sleep, was centred near the village of Basyurt. It was followed by more than 30 aftershocks, the strongest measuring 5.5, the Kandilli seismology centre said.

Emergency workers were trying to rescue four people from debris, Gov Muammer Erol said. CNN-Turk television

said the dead included four young sisters trapped in the rubble.

"Everything has been knocked down, there is not a stone in place," said Yadin Apaydin, administrator for the village of Yukari Kanatli, where he said at least three villagers died.

Authorities blocked access to Okular village, to facilitate the entry and exit of ambulances and rescue teams on the village's narrow roads. Relatives rushed to the village for news of their loved ones.

"The village is totally flattened," Okular's administrator Hasan Demirdag told private NTV television.

Ali Riza Ferhat, an Okular resident, said he was woken by the jolt.

Internet still an 'unaffordable' option: Queen

ANI, London

Queen Elizabeth II has praised the achievements in the field of science and technology but pointed out that the Internet remained an "unaffordable option" for much part of the world.

The British monarch made the reference while delivering her Commonwealth Day message that is set to be a part of the annual Observance of Commonwealth Day service at Westminster Abbey.

"Advances in telecommunications are having a marked economic effect on people from developing nations in the Commonwealth, helping to transform small to medium-sized businesses," the Daily Express quoted the Queen, as head of the Commonwealth, as saying.



PHOTO: AFP

Protesters shout slogans and hold portraits of detained Myanmar pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi during a protest in New Delhi yesterday on International Women's Day. Myanmar's Supreme Court rejected an appeal last month by Aung San Suu Kyi against her extended house arrest, her lawyer said, keeping her in detention ahead of polls promised by the junta this year.

Robbers take Indian diamond merchant hostage

AFP, Brussels

Robbers held an Indian diamond merchant hostage for 18 hours in Belgium before freeing him in return for millions of euros' worth of gems, the Belga news agency reported Sunday.

The attack took place at the merchant's home in the northern city of Antwerp, which is one of the world's most important diamond-trading centres.

Freddy Hanard, the head of the Antwerp World Diamond Centre, which represents the city's diamond sector, said the gang made off with "several million euros" (dollars) worth of diamonds.

Maliki's political bloc takes Iraq polls lead

AFP, AP, Baghdad

Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki, the Shia leader who helped ease Iraq's deadly sectarian conflict, emerged Monday as a front-runner after an election seen as a test of the nation's young democracy.

The key estimates from the Baghdad region, which could swing the results of the vote, were not yet available but local officials said

Maliki's political bloc was so far leading in nine of Iraq's 18 provinces.

The results of Iraq's pivotal parliamentary elections will be released within days, the head of the country's Election Commission said yesterday.

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Myanmar junta unveils election laws

AFP, Yangon

Myanmar's military government on Monday unveiled long-awaited laws for elections later this year but gave no immediate date for the country's first polls in two decades, state media said.

Junta supremo Than Shwe promised the elections in 2008 as part of his so-called "roadmap to democracy" but critics say the vote will be a sham if pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi remains under house arrest.

"The laws were enacted by the State Peace and Development Council and the details of

the laws will be published in tomorrow's newspaper and also will be published as a book," state television and radio said, referring to the junta by its formal title.

It was unclear if a date for the election would be included in the five new laws. Analysts have predicted the polls will take place in October or November. Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy (NLD) said the junta had not given parties enough time to prepare for the elections, but it would reserve its decision on whether to take part until after it had seen the laws.

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ETA trained 100 FARC rebels in Venezuela

AFP, Madrid

Members of the militant Basque separatist group ETA trained around 100 guerrillas from Colombia's rebel FARC group in camps in Venezuela, the Spanish daily El Pais reported Sunday.

According to the newspaper, ETA fighters gave lessons in advanced explosives techniques in at least six Venezuelan camps between 2003 and 2008.

El Pais said the information came from witness statements made by four former FARC members to Spanish police in Bogota last October.



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