



CATHOLIC LAITY COUNCIL NEC SUPPORTS STATES' SECURITY OUTFITS

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The Catholic Laity Council of Nigeria (CLCN) has called for the intensification of organized security facilities by states and communities in different parts of the country, as the Federal Government and the nation's security agencies are no longer capable of containing the activities of criminals and bandits, especially the Boko Haram insurgents and Fulani herdsmen whose rampaging has sent many innocent people to untimely deaths.

The call was contained in the Resolutions adopted by the association at the end of its 143rd National Executive Council Meeting, held, recently at the Mater Ecclesiae Cathedral, Ahiara Diocese, Ahiazu Mbaise in Imo State. The document was signed by Sir Thomas Folu Adekoya and Hon. (Sir) Henry H. Yunkwap, National President and National Secretary of the association respectively.

The association also dwelt extensively on the socio-economic and religious challenges facing the country, especially the persecution of Christians in the North. It therefore admonished all lay faithful to speak in practical terms in defense of the Christian faith; adding that "the Church and society should build leaders and structures for national development. The association also advocated the setting up of a special fund to cater for persecuted and displaced persons, considering the rate of persecution of Christians in the country.

Condemning the spate of terrorism, kidnapping and banditry in the country in all ramifications, the council called on the faithful to be courageous in the choice they make in living out their faith; and also appealed to the country's security agencies to do everything possible to stem the activities of criminals in the country.

It condemned in strong terms the continued captivity of Leah Sharibu, the killing of Seminarian Michael Nnadi of the Good Shepherd Seminary Kaduna and Pastor Lawan Andini the CAN Chairman in Adamawa State; noting that these were "shameful and inexcusable acts on the part of the Federal Government".