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ANOG condemns continued violence in Nigeria

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Nigerian Community in Atlanta, GA, USA, condemns unabated violence in Nigeria

Atlanta, GA. USA. January 29, 2012: The Alliance of Nigerian Organizations in Georgia (ANOG), the umbrella organization of the Nigerian community in Georgia, USA, has followed with great concern the state of the Nation in Nigeria, particularly the continuous bombings and killings of innocent Nigerians by "Boko Haram".

Nigerians in Diaspora vehemently deplore the brutal and barbaric killings, which have claimed over 1000 lives in Northern Nigeria, and which continue to bring pain and suffering to many Nigerian families. It is extremely embarrassing that since its campaign of violence began in 2009, three years ago, the Nigerian Security forces have made very little progress in stamping out the spate of violence in Northern Nigeria.

There is no justification whatsoever that the Security budget of N348bn in 2011 (now N921.91 Billion, roughly US\$5.7bn in 2012 budget), the biggest sector in the budget has produced nothing in terms of assuring security in the Country.

While we appreciate the heavy burden of government to deal with the major problem of corruption and budget deficit amongst others, further punishments, however, should not be imposed on Nigerian masses from the federal government's insensitivity and lack of decisive action.

The Government has failed to grasp the gravity of the crisis unfolding in Northern Nigeria, treating it as a pure security issue that will fizzle out by itself. We should be resoundingly done with rhetoric. This is the time for action. We condemn any mollifying gestures or any attempt to negotiate with Boko Haram. The sovereignty of the Federal Republic of Nigeria should never be compromised, bargained or attenuated.

We express our condolences to the victims of this senseless violence and the bereaved families. We urge the Federal Government to increase police patrols in violence-prone areas, and send the military to counter these terrorist attacks. We further urge the Federal Government to intensify military surveillance and intelligence, and take any other necessary steps to ensure that those responsible for these atrocities and as well as their associates are brought to justice to the full limit of the law.

About the Alliance of Nigerian Organizations in Georgia (ANOG)

ANOG (www.anogusa.org) is the umbrella organization of all Nigerians resident in Georgia with membership across all communities, tribal, ethnic, educational, social, political and economic lines. The objectives of ANOG are to create an inclusive Nigerian Community in Georgia, to advocate, protect and advance Nigerian culture and economic interests, to promote the advancement and welfare of Nigerians and to cultivate political awareness and civic responsibility among Nigerians. ANOG is comprised of over 40 – member organizations.



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