

PRESS RELEASE

INSECURITY SITUATION IN THE NORTH EAST WORRIES NUPENG

The Nigeria Union of Petroleum and Natural Gas Workers (NUPENG) is worried about the current insecurity situation in the North-Eastern part of the country, as the Boko Haram insurgents are over-running towns and villages in the area.

The union notes that the following towns, Gulak, Madagali, Michika, Uba, Bazza in Adamawa have fallen to the insurgents, while Banki, Gwoza, Bama have fallen in Borno, while the onslaught and senseless killings and plundering continues.

The union calls on the military to declare the area a war-zone and flush out the insurgents as there cannot be a caliphate within a republic.

NUPENG states that the military must be fully armed with modern day weaponry to challenge and flush out the insurgents who are carrying sophisticated arms.

The union wants a concerted effort with the support of our neighbouring countries, namely Cameroun, Niger, and Chad to help stem the current tide, as the insurgents will have no hiding place. The union calls on the Federal and States government in the North-East to address the refugee problem from people running out of the disaster zone.

NUPENG adds that the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) must deploy more men and relief materials to assist the refugees.

NUPENG states that it is a high time a decisive decision was taken to nip

the current invasion of the terrorists in the bud, before it leads to serious security implications on our existence as a nation.

The union adds that the current situation has led to a collapse of the economy in the area, as movement is now restricted, schools, clinics, business centres have been closed down.

The union reiterated that more troops and aerial bombardments be launched to push out the insurgents, as our military did to restore order in Liberia and Sierra-Leone during their turbulent period.

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