

Abuja, Nigeria, November 25 (Infosplusgabon) - Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari on Saturday expressed deep shock over the Boko Haram killing of dozens of military personnel in Metele village of Borno State of northeast Nigeria.

Speaking for the first time on the killings which took place over a three-day period beginning on Saturday last week, President Buhari assured that immediate measures were being taken to ensure the loopholes which led to the fatalities are blocked once and for all.

There is uproar in Nigeria over the killings in which the Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP) in Al-Naba took responsibility, saying it carried out the attacks on a military base in Metele, when the military went to collect their fallen comrades. In all, the terror group claimed to have killed 100 soldiers.

The angry reaction of Nigerians has also elicited a flurry of activities by the government. On Friday the Army said that the Nigerian social media, print, electronic and online publications about the attack on 157 Task Force Battalion at Metele was “misleading.”

Reacting to the tragic incident, President Buhari said in a statement that his administration remains ever committed and focused on the security of military personnel and other citizens.

According to President Buhari, "no responsible Commander-in-Chief would rest on his oars or fold his hands to allow terrorists to endanger the lives of its military personnel and other citizens.

"Our loyal forces have proved their strength over the terrorists and we are ready to give them all the needed support in terms of equipment and manpower to succeed in ending the renewed threat. In the coming days, I am engaging the military and intelligence chiefs in extensive discussions on the next steps we shall be taking."

President Buhari reassured Nigerians of his continued commitment to their security and of his efforts to sustain the momentum in the previous significant successes recorded against the terrorists.

He, however, advised Nigerians against making a political capital out of national tragedy, stressing that members of the armed forces are one family who are commonly committed to the security and safety of all Nigerians.

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