

ANSARU WARNS MEND AGAINST ATTACKS ON MUSLIMS

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A militant group, Jama'atu Ansarul Muslimina fi Biladissudan (JAMBS), which has claimed responsibility for kidnapping of some foreigners and attack on security forces yesterday issued a warning to members of the Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND) over their threats to attack mosques and Islamic institutions, saying any such attacks will not be taken lightly.

MEND had on Monday threatened to start attacking mosques, hajj camps, Islamic congregations and Muslim clerics from May 31, "in defence of Christianity" from annihilation by Boko Haram sect.

But in a statement sent to media houses yesterday, Ansaru said it was shocked by the statement from the Niger Delta militants. Ansaru faulted MEND's justification for the planned attack on Muslims, saying Boko Haram's attacks on Christians' places of worships were equally condemned by Muslims.

"The JAMBS further draws the attention of MEND to understand the condition which they stated on their threat does not hold as a result of Boko Haram's attacks on Churches which JAMBS and the entire Muslims condemned. Therefore, attack on the entire Muslims cannot be taken lightly by JAMBS.

"We further remind MEND that the Muslims they know 15 years ago are not the same as the Muslims of today. Should there be any attack as stipulated by the MEND the entire Muslims will react unanimously. It will also

be of importance to MEND and the entire Christians of MEND'S idea to find out the situation in Tafawa Balewa Bauchi State, Southern Kaduna (Akwad-Akwap) and Birom in Plateau state how they are presently suffering as a result of their onslaught to Muslims in their area," the statement said.

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