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Massacre in Church, in central Nigeria

At least 19 people were killed and dozens others injured in a gun attack on the Deeper Life Bible Church in Otite, near Okenne, in central Nigeria. Gunmen stormed a Bible Study meeting of the Church on Monday, August 6 and started shooting indiscriminately using sophisticated Kalashnikov assault rifles. It is presumed that the attack is yet another one under the generic label of Boko Haram, and it is significant in its occurring far from the usual BH environment in the North Central/North Eastern Nigeria. (www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-19161082)

The pastor-in-charge of the church, Lambe Emmanuel, (who works as a lecturer at the Federal College of Education) was among those who died on the spot, during the carnage which continued for as long as 45 minutes.

As usual, government has assured very strongly that “perpetrators will not go unpunished”. But we are yet to see one Boko Haram operator punished - from Kabiru Sokoto, (the Suleja guy initially arrested at the Borno state government Lodge, Abuja), down to the serving Senator. (In fact Senator Aliyu Ndume recently won a court case to be allowed to go on lower Hajj to Saudi Arabia! See Punch July 25, pg 11. So trivial does the country consider the accusation against him!).

Rather, “dialogue” is on. Granted that the insistence on Islamizing the country, or even the call for the president to either convert to Islam or resign, are all starting points for negotiation. It is clear that the minimum BH will demand will be amnesty for all the callous criminal killings; and of course the real BH will insist that President Jonathan must not go for 2nd term. After all that is what all these making- the-country- ungovernable efforts are really all about in the first instance. So does dialogue make sense in that situation? Rather than use appropriate state force, the President has capitulated to those who insist that all the killings is a “family affair”!

We really would like to encourage the new National Security Adviser in his clearly onerous assignment, and which he is facing with obvious patriotic zest. But it is clearly incontrovertible that his tenure so far has witnessed more daring terrorist acts. For instance, guns are now more frequently employed than the improvised explosive devices. Guns are not only more reliable in guaranteeing the carnage intended; they are also far less risky → 2

Ex-Moslem Christian converts regularly being slaughtered all over the world

Apparently the only way the Islamic religion could prevent a massive exodus of its adherents from its myriads of contradictions and confusing practices, is to threaten them physical elimination.

Raymond Ibrahim documented on his blog that according to the *Encyclopaedia of Islam*, (the most authoritative reference work on Islam in the English language,) “there is unanimity that the male apostate must be put to death.” According to Ibrahim, the authority for this goes down right to the first “righteous caliph,” a paragon of Muslim piety and virtue, who had tens of thousands of people slaughtered—including by burning, beheading, and crucifixion—simply because they tried to break away from Islam. He further cited a recent open affirmation by a top Egyptian Salafi leader to the effect that that [no Muslim has the right to apostatize](#), or leave Islam, based on the canonical hadiths, including Muhammad's command, “Whoever leaves his religion, kill him.”

On June 4, Raymond Ibrahim posted a link to a graphic video of the brutal beheading of a young man simply because he had converted to Christianity, and refused to renounce this conversion! If you think you have the stomach to watch the head of a man being sliced off his neck like a ram – taking about 2 minutes, check the video [here](#) (the actual execution appears from minute 1:13-4:00). (http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=sxGWIOQZyEs)

For those who prefer not to view the video, Raymond has provided a summary:

A young man appears held down by masked men. His head is pulled back, with a knife to his throat. He does not struggle and appears resigned to his fate. Speaking in Arabic, the background speaker, or → p2

US Pastor jailed for holding Bible Study in his house

Readers will be shocked to learn that even in so-called God's own country, a man could be sent to jail for conducting Bible Studies in his own private house. Yet that is exactly what has happened to Michael Salman of Phoenix, Arizona. On July 9 he was sentenced to 60 days incarceration in prison following his refusal to stop opening up his 4 acre

property to his “family and friends” for a kind of House Fellowship.

An official of Homeowners Association told FoxNews.com that when Michael applied to carry out some renovations in his property to include an enlarged hall, he had indicated he was building a game room; Michael however countered that “Game Room” was what best describes the activities he is carrying out in the facility.

Following outrages that a man could be sent to jail, even in America, for no other reason than peaceful conduct of Bible Study with his friends on his own private property, city officials try to clarify that the real reason Michael Salman was jailed is that the facility did not meet fire code requirements for hosting a regular religious meeting. The question however is, had Mr Michael being regularly hosting his friends to some drinking party, would he have been so charged? In any case as pointed out by John Whitehead, Salman;s attorney, the outdoor facility where where Salman is now being held was itself an adhoc arrangement which was incorporated with the county jail in 1993 in order to house a growing number of inmates. Whitehead said the conditions are hellish and it is insane to bring a man into such jail facility on the spurious charges of failing some building codes. "It's like a Guantanamo facility," Whitehead said. "It can get up to 140 degrees out there". In short, the county's jailhouse itself fails even more critical requirements for human habitation than the spurious firecode requirements for which Michael is being jailed for!

Interestingly, Michael Salman has started a regular Bible class among inmates in those very jails, opening up the possibility he could be charged for assembling a religious crowd, not just in facilities not designed for it, but this time right on government grounds!

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2012/08/05/arizona-man-sent-to-jail-for-holding-bible-studies-in-his-home/>

Islamic Murder in video (from page 1)

"narrator," chants a number of Muslim prayers and supplications, mostly condemning Christianity, which, because of the Trinity, is referred to as a polytheistic faith: "Let Allah be avenged on the polytheist apostate"; "Allah empower your religion, make it victorious against the polytheists" etc...."

Then, to cries of "Allahu Akbar!"—or, "God is great!"—the man holding the knife to the apostate's throat begins to slice away, even as the victim appears calmly mouthing a prayer. It takes nearly two minutes of graphic knife-carving to sever the Christian's head, which is then held aloft to more Islamic cries and slogans of victory.

See details at <http://www.raymondibrahim.com/11798/graphic-video-tunisian-muslims-slaughter-convert>.

Although graphic videos may not always be available, the continuous slaughtering of Christians who had converted from the Islamic religion is an ongoing reality on several locations on the planet.

On the island of Mindanao, on the southernmost part of the Phillipines, local al Qaeda-affiliated terrorist groups are having a field day killing, kidnapping and maiming Christians in their efforts to establish an Islamist state in that region of the largely Christian nation. According to the CBN (April 11, 2012) as many as four house churches had closed down in the first four months of the year, after their pastors and lay leaders were killed by Muslim extremists.

One of them, Pastor Mario Acidre was riddled with bullets, right in his home where he held regular Bible Studies. See details on CBN website.

This question should bother any honest moslem: why are thousands of honest, clearly sane people, from different cultures, choosing death rather than remain Moslems? Of course the more difficult question to ask is, why would the Islamic religion require death for people who freely choose to seek elusive answers to life issues in another worldview?

In the meantime, in Egypt.....

Jihadist organizations in Egypt have been circulating leaflets offering “rewards” for any one who kills any Copt Christian in the country. Hours after the leaflets were circulated, Refaat Eskander was killed in his shop in the morning of August 14 by assassins dressed in Salafis outfits. A report in Coptic Solidarity further tells how Christians are being beaten up, their businesses set on fire, and their properties plundered, even as their attackers declare that "any Christian who dares to leave his house will be killed." As usual, police appear only after all the damage has been done and the terrorists have fled with their booty. See details at

<http://www.raymondibrahim.com/2012/08/murder-of-copts-begins-after-genocide-call>

OKENNE MASSACRE (continued from Page 1)

to the harbinger of death than the bombs. Probably as many BH members have been killed by bombs going off accidentally as the innocent victims sent to early grave. But to use gun attacks, the terrorists must be assured they can move freely in and out for their operations without being intercepted by superior state machinery. Ordinarily this should be an arduous task. But as stories from Jos and now Okenne are showing this is now becoming common-place.

In his comment on the Okenne killing : (Aug 8 pg 2), the Primate of the Anglican Communion in Nigeria, Revd Okoh puts the blame squarely where it belongs: “The attack on the Church is a damnable thing: it is evil. Again, it is not something people should feel that the Church should be the one responsible to act. The church has no soldiers. “It is the Federal government and state governments that collect revenue from people and control the security organizations that can act. They should use taxpayers’ money to “provide protection for the people”

Very reprehensible and shameful is the continuing colouring of the news by media houses. At times, the media houses just play dumb and pretend not to see obvious stage-managing of events, which they gullibly proceed to report as real news. For instance, probably to create the impression that moslems are also equally suffering at the hand of BH, the next day after the Okene massacre, there was a visit to a mosque in the town. The 2 soldiers on guard gallantly put up a stiff resistance, killing 2 of the terrorists who had come in a bus; but they too were felled. Thereafter the terrorists simply vanished, though nothing stopped them from now descending on the worshippers in the mosque. While we thank God for preventing that further unnecessary carnage, it is nauseating to see how the media reported the incident. For instance the Punch screamed on the front page: “Soldiers, others killed in fresh Kogi attack”. And who are the “others” being referred to? Two terrorists!

Refer to the story from Kenya, in this edition of Church Arise!, to see what could happen to a worship centre once the security details were eliminated by real terrorists!

As we have repeatedly pointed out, BH just happens to be the generic name for the operations of those who have sworn to make Nigeria ungovernable as long as they are not the ones on the saddle. Even the official BH themselves have said times without number that they are not responsible for all the atrocities attributed to them. [No one actually claimed the Okenne attack so far]. We can almost be sure that it is not the Borno-based BH that is responsible for the Jos massacres or even the Kogi Deeper Life massacre. These carnages are the works of locally-sourced elements, working for the same well-known but hitherto untouchable group. If, God forbid, the group decides tomorrow to carry out operations in the Niger Delta, they would not need to move Fulani elements there; but could always find mercenaries (say from Cameroon, for instance) who will work with one or two dissident members of say MEND to cause havocs. We actually saw a spate of “MEND bombings” before one of the three

unsuccessful northern presidential aspirants decided to take it easy – probably due to on-going litigations outside the country, personal health challenges, unending appeasements by the Vice President, or a combination of all the above!

The Okenne killings at Deeper Life didn’t just occur out of the blues. There had been adequate warnings that a more serious security apparatus could have used to forestall it. For instance, two Sundays earlier, a bomb attack obviously targeting the Living Faith Fellowship and the Deeper Life Bible Church along Obehira road in Okenne had been foiled by divine intervention. Had that attack been successful, we would have been talking of hundreds of fatalities! Arrests were made and all that; but instead of learning from the incident many tried to explain away the situation. (<http://saharareporters.com/press-release/purported-bomb-explosion-okene-conspiracy-against-prevailing-peace-ebiraland-ebira-uni>)

The Ebiria Unity Association, for instance, feigning extreme outrage, preferred to label the incident as stage-managed, and intended to merely cause panic and disaffection. The whole reports, it claimed, were gross exaggerations!. Incredibly, in a statement released by the Association, all these squabbles were based on such trivial details as the correct name of the petrol station where the bomb-rigged car had been packed apparently waiting for the worshippers to start trooping out before driving by (NMPC and not NNPC the statement insisted!); and the exact distance from the two churches in view (up to 200 m, not in front!). Not a single substance of the story is denied, yet the Ebiria Unity Association, through her President writes:

“The recent reports about a car explosion in Okene vindicated the adverse role of Nigerian media. Several media both locally and internationally were publishing Mountains of fabricated and contradictory information about the purported bomb blast in Okene, Kogi state”

The Association concludes: “Thus, it is an established fact that there is intra-ethnic riot in Ebiraland but it has not gotten to the extent of religious crisis. There is no any record of Christian/Muslim crisis in Ebiraland. The Muslims and the Christians live peacefully; hence, there is no need of waging war against the other. We live together; we are of the same families.”

The EUA ended its statement on a note of stern warning: “Exaggerating or associating the explosion with anybody or any group in the area is just a conspiracy to instill another fear and uncertainty in the patriotic hearts of Ebiria people..... At this juncture, we hereby warn those mischievous and unscrupulous elements that are spreading the

rumor with evil intent capable of throwing the already fragile community into another chaos”

It is apparent that the well-meaning patriotic members of Ebira Unity Association have not yet understood that the open-masquarades behind the BH palavers in the country use their own machinery and personnel to carry out their own agenda in whoever’s name is available to be used. If there had been competent security on ground and they had been allowed to do their work as professionals, the church massacre that occurred barely two weeks later should not have happened at all.

The foiled mega bomb attempt apart, there had been other indications that there was fire on the rooftop at Okenne. For instance, in April, security forces raided a suspected bomb-making factory in the Okene area, killing at least nine alleged Boko Haram militants. Earlier on in February, Boko Haram said it had attacked a jail in Kogi state, using bombs and heavy gunfire to free 119 inmates. Yet, elements from this same rogue organization still managed to drive to a church and mowed down dozens of innocent law-abiding citizens. May God comfort His people in this time of great trials of their faith.

17 killed, dozens wounded in Kenya church attacks

It is important however to understand that the ultimate brain behind the terror inflicted on the Church in Nigeria is Satan himself. He only hires available pawns in each environment – in Nigeria’s case, the desperate politicians, to carry out his 3-fold agenda of stealing, killing and destruction (John 10:10). The intense fury he is directing at the Church at the present time is a global affair, and is well described in Rev 12:12 as indicative of the short time left before the eventual return of the Lord to end the 6,000 years the devil has been usurping power on earth.

For instance, the Punch newspaper on July 2 (pg 15), described a scenario, almost the exact replica of what happened in Okenne; but this time in far away Garissa, in Kenya. At the last count, 17 people have been confirmed dead with, dozens others wounded when moslem terrorists attacked two churches on Sunday July 1. Using a combination of guns and grenades, two armed policemen on guard were first killed before the massacre carried out by about seven gunmen. The report added that “at least 40 people were rushed to hospital, several in a critical condition” and that “Islamic attacks on churches ha in Kenya” since the country became involved in the war against the Shabab rebels of Somalia.

“I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death” **Rev 1:18**

And what shall we say to all these? ...Our God reigneth!

In all these, the LORD is our hope. According to Scriptures, in all our affliction, He himself is afflicted (Isa. 63:9). Whatever He allows in His wisdom is certainly the best for us. As Job put it: Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him. We can be sure that just like He told the Churches at Smyrna and Pergamon, He is still today aware of the hardship the Church is passing through, and still promises great reward to those who do not deny the faith even to the point of death. We feel like sharing the following two stories:

The first is a testimony shared at the 60th annual Convention of the Redeemed Christian Church of God in August 2012: A Pastor who had been mistakenly riddled with bullets by the police, lived to personally tell the story. Even though entrance and exit points of the bullets were evident on his shirt (front and back) there was no scratch on his body through which bullets evidently passed through in making those holes. Many spend fortunes, including their souls, asking anti-bullet charms from the devil; but none could be more potent – and cost free - as this! The rider however is that the incident happened at the burial of another Pastor who had been slain (apparently by Islamic jihadists) in northern Nigeria! Surely the God who protected this latter pastor in so wonderful a way could have done the same for the first, and indeed for every other martyr. Like the case of Peter and James in Herod’s prison, the Lord does as it best pleased Him – for our eventual good. (Heb 11:35-36). This we accept with gratitude and peace. At the right time, we’ll know all the details. Our God reigns!

This second story is extracted from an account recounted by the Preacher in a recent edition (The Preacher, PortHarcourt, Nigeria):

“In the northern Nigeria city of Maiduguri, Borno State, Sister Halitu had her eight children locked up in the house and burnt to death. When the children saw that their attackers had trapped them to die, they held hands and began to sing. They died singing. After the flames, their corpses were found with the hands still held together tightly in death. Young martyrs.”

It’s a mark of the times – senseless killings everywhere

Even outside the Church, Satan continues on his end-time rampage against the inhabitants of the earth and the sea. A sample of reports world wide in the past few months include the following:

France: 32 year old Faycal Mokhtari, turned away from a night club in the city of Lille returned

with a gun and opened fire indiscriminately outside the building on Sunday July 1. Two people were killed and six others wounded. Earlier in March, an Islamist gunman had killed 7 people in a high-profile shooting in the city of Toulouse.

As reported in the Punch newspaper of July 18 (pg 66), two people were killed in a street party shooting in Toronto, Canada. More than one shooter were involved in the shooting which occurred at an annual barbecue block party on Monday July 16 at which more than 200 people had been present. Six weeks earlier, two people had been shot dead in a Mall in this same Toronto – dubbed the “safest city in the world”

In China, a 17 year old who had an argument with his girl friend ended up stabbing nine to death- in the house and on the street, on Wednesday 1st August. (Punch August 3)

In Washington DC, a 28 year old gay activist approached the office of the Traditional Values coalition - a Christian organization noted for its efforts to preserve the traditional definition of Marriage as only between male and female. Shouting words to the effect of "I don't like your politics" he aimed and shot at a security guard.; Fortunately, the guard, wounded on the left arm still managed to take the rabid gay activist, Floyd Lee Corkins II down, thus preventing what the police said could have been a deadly massacre. Found in the pocket of Mr Corkins was a note containing the contact information of the Washington office of another Christian conservative organization, no doubt scheduled for a visit by Mr Corkins. Corkins had recently been volunteering at a D.C. community center for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. He lived with his parents in northern Virginia.

<http://www.onenewsnow.com/Church/Default.aspx?id=1657348>

Violence: an intensifying trend over the years!

In his weekday program for Fox News, Your World Cavuto, Neil Cavuto piqued by on-going debate in America on whether the country's lax gun laws were responsible for the spate of senseless mass killings, presented a compilation of such incidents in other supposedly more peaceful parts of the world. His compilation shows that the trend has been there, only increasing in intensity, over the years. According to Cavuto:

“Because last time I checked, Norway has among the toughest gun laws on the planet, not to mention a reputation for having among the most peaceful citizens on the planet. But that didn't stop Anders Breivik from going on a rampage that left 77 dead--that's right, 77--in 2011. The same year

Nordine Amrani murdered seven in Belgium. Or 17-year-old Tim Kretschmer walked into a German elementary school and killed 15 people in 2009. Or a 52-year-old British taxi driver named Derrick Bird butchered 12 and injured 11 others in a four-hour violent spree back in 2010. Barely a year after Ibrahim Shkupolli stabbed and killed his ex-girlfriend, he went on to a shopping mall in Finland to kill four others. The same otherwise "peaceful" Finland, where only about a year earlier, a 22-year old culinary arts student walked into a school and killed 10 people. I could go on.

- the Birmingham, England man who killed three back in 2000.
- · the Swiss kid who slaughtered 14 at the parliament in Zug in 2001.
- the 29-year-old who killed 11 and injured 6 in South Africa.
- · the Slovakian man who killed 7 in a Netherlands shopping mall in 2011.
- or the 23-year-old Australian surfer named Martin Bryant, who shot dead 35 people at a popular tourist attraction there "just because he felt like it" that day.

...(Neil Cavuto, Your World Cavuto, 23/7/12, <http://www.foxnews.com/on-air/your-world-cavuto/2012/07/23/cavuto-gun-violence-isnt-unique-us>)

So, if it is any consolation, families of Christian martyrs can take heart that their loved ones did not die without any cause – as these other cases. The rampant violent deaths being observed all over the world are only indicative of the lateness of the hour. Surely the Lord's coming must be at hand - since we know mankind wouldn't have succeeded in its Satan-inspired agenda to self-destruct before the Lord comes..

War against Church Worship and Bible Study intensifies, worldwide

Last edition, we reported that Azerbaijan's “harsh new Religion Law” of 2009 is now being implemented with sadistic force and precision. With no church representative present, it took only 15 minutes in a sham trial on april 25 for the Greater Grace Protestant Church to be stripped of its registration. Now the highest appeals court in the country has upheld the decision of this sham trial making it illegal for the church to conduct any activity. The church, registered since 1993, had provided a place for Christian worship and teaching for almost 20 years; and with a congregation of nearly 500, was one of the larger Protestant churches in the country.

http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?e=001mkLqVQcWJFYa1g3T3q718IDuEqCNOisk92fNTDY11IXRKTlbc8Xkk1qXtkEbpPv-RAkrHnmPu9ltiDR6w22Yccxt3uyc5xTXdg1k6_Gco1LWi8OCY1r2nTINDvPRVTznNxpTJ6WaPyDzckTnXpETXkU_M9VA3GEI-r24vvJeNY6sOacZ4P3w97u1BZvrltDY1WrPI-n-JX3LZdc-6N5pq2SgbbulA

A similar story is emerging from [Indonesia](#) where two churches have joined the increasingly long list of churches being forcibly closed down either directly by the state or by muslim mobs. In the first case, authorities on August 7 sealed off the large tent being used by St Johannes Baptista Church in Bogor, West Java. After waiting in vain for 6 years since their initial application for a building permit, the church set up the large tent as a temporary place of worship in 2006. Apparently miffed by the continued growth of the congregation, now about 500, Police moved in, threatening to tear down the tent if the Church continued to use it.

In the second case, the Batak Karo Protestant Church in Bandung actually has secured all the necessary permits to hold services. But a moslem mob moved in anyway, claiming that the congregation had earlier agreed not to use the building for services. Under that condition, and with the police not keen on intervening, worship and Bible study remained effectively curtailed.

These stories from communist Azerbaijan and Islamic Indonesia are just evidences of growing hostility against the church of God by these two anti-christian worldviews. Such hostilities are well entrenched in other places where these worldviews are more entrenched - such as North Korea, China and Saudi Arabia.

In one of the latest examples from China, a Sunday school was raided in the far western region of Xinjiang on July 2. According to [China Aid](#) founder Bob Fu. "Seventy children who were just peacefully studying Bible were taken to a school by the public security officers, and seven of their Sunday school teachers have been under detention." (see www.onenewsnow.com/Persecution/Default.aspx?id=1630062)

Similarly [Saudi Arabia](#), whilst still pressing on with her demands for yet more concessions for Islam in western countries, continues to curtail Christian activities in her land – where the Bible still remains a proscribed literature. About Christmas last year, 35 Ethiopians were arrested and locked up in detention – for the crime of conducting Bible study in a private home. It took intensive political campaign by the ICC and other Christian bodies before the Christians are now being finally released – for deportation to their homeland. Again, their crime was simply gathering together to study the Bible in a private home!]."

“Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast *some* of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.”

Rev 2:10

What motivate suicide bombers?

We know many moslems prefer to die, in order to freely change their religion which prescribes death for changing of “religion of birth”. They feel greatly unsatisfied with their Islamic worldview and will like to give an alternative worldview a trial – even if it costs their lives. Fair enough. Why, on the other hand, do some moslems choose to die, apparently FOR their religion - as suicide bombers? Actually the prime motive is first to KILL and then possibly die in the efforts, for their religion.

Amazingly the promise of 70/72 nubile virgins in Paradise, is a common element - from the 9-11 bombers in America to the 11 year old Pakistani boy, Abdullah. Abdullah, dubbed the world’s youngest terrorist, was caught in Afghanistan in 2009. Here is how he explains his motivation:

“I know I would be in pieces. But I also know the difference between suicide, which God forbids, and sacrifice, which is what you become if you blow yourself up. Killing the non-muslims who want to kill my family. Afterwards you would go straight to heaven with 70 girls. When I’m older, I’ll kill non-Muslims. If I don’t they’ll come to our homes and kill us”

Imagine the brainwashing! And what exactly does an 11-year old want to do with 70 girls? What terrible wickedness and cowardliness using children this way!

In a similar vein, two messages from the phones confiscated from four captured Boko Haram field operatives have been read out at the trial court. According to the News Agency of Nigeria [Dec 2012, updated], the first contained secret codes to arrange and detonate explosives, while the other contained the salacious promise of 72 virgins to each of the suspects as incentives for carrying out the “deed”. Salisu Ahmed, Umar Babagana-Umar, Mohammed Ali, and Musa Adam were arrested on July 28, 2011 in connection with the dastard bombings and killings in Suleja and Madalla last Christmas. Dozens of innocent people were murdered in those bombings.

Brainwashing, blackmailing, and such tactics apart, it is believed that at times, the actual detonation of the bomb-rigged vest might be by done by remote control – by someone else and not the suicide-bomber him/herself (like it seems happened at the Police Force Headquarter bombing last June, see - http://churcharise.blogspot.com/2011_06_01_archive.html) The innocent courier remains truly innocent till immolation. At times, as we reported in Vol 12 No 4, children are bought from their parents and used as passive courier of deadly cargo. Again, detonation could be done by the remote control.

PS. When 11 year old Abdullah talks of going “straight” to heaven, he is referring to the Islamic doctrine that all who die, no matter their religious status, are all kept in a sort of purgatory until they will find out about their fate on the day of judgement. Those who kill other people for religious sake and die in the process are however exempted from purgatory and go “straight” to heaven!

BEHOLD, I COME QUICKLY

We are glad to announce that the orderly compilation of our news and articles, over the ten year period 2001 - 2011 is now about ready. Titled, **BEHOLD, I COME QUICKLY**, it is a trilogy – three books in one. Book 1 is subtitled: **ALERTS FROM SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**; Book 2: **SIGNS FROM SOCIETY AND GOVERNANCE** and Book 3: **INSIGHTS FROM RELIGIONS AND SPIRITUAL EXPRESSIONS**.

We covet your prayers for God’s speed even as we put finishing touches to the publications. Soft copies of our first book, **THE TIME IS FULFILLED**, compilation of our news and articles from 1998-2001, can still be downloaded free of charge from our website www.churcharise.org.

The Contradiction called Lamido (from pg 8) been too difficult to convince the masses that it is the progressive and modern thing to join the digital cash world. For those who draw attention to the regularly-reported mega frauds that is now made possible by digital cash, the simple answer is: introduce more security!

Which of course is the eventual destination intended by the antichrist for the new world order. It goes without saying that the more effective security systems always necessitate more intrusion into people’s privacy and ultimately provide avenues to **CONTROL** them (see vol 6 no 6 for instance).. But what is the” little price” of having your mind monitored and controlled by authorities above, when you can have the” immense convenience” of just zapping through the lines either at the grocery store or at the express toll gate! Such has modern man become conditioned, totally Esau-like in his priorities and understanding. For details on latest developments on digital cash, please [see for instance](#).

So, that’s the global destiny of cash, and most central bank governors all over the world know what directions their policies must follow, for them to keep their jobs. Now if cash is on its way to be totally eliminated, which process is already being implemented with considerable zeal by Nigeria’s Central Bank (eg Cashless Lagos policy, etc); what sense does it make introducing higher denomination notes which can only be interpreted as an

encouragement to carry cash around ? The idea is so outlandish and it provides a very useful insight into what kind of Central Bank governor would be suggesting it.

But Lamido Sanusi is not just your regular Central Bank governor. He demonstrated quite clearly that he sees himself first and foremost as a Kano chieftain when he earlier on went to office in his Islamic regalia after his installation as the Dan Majen of Kano. (see picture here <http://www.nairaland.com/963209/sanusi-lamido-chieftaincy-garb-pictures>)

Those who consider that action absolutely preposterous obviously have missed out on Sanusi’s two-year stint at Sokoto prison (1995-1997), which he earned for the prominent roles he played in the Islamic insurgency that spurred the beheading of Gideon Akaluka in 1995. Indeed, Sanusi escaped summary execution with his other 8 co-insurgents only account of his strong ties to Kano royalty. All these facts are well documented (e.g. see <http://pointblanknews.com/pbn/exclusive/why-abacha-didnt-kill-cbn-gov-sanusi-in-1995his-role-in-akalukas-murder/>

or

<http://eghes.blogspot.com/2012/02/mallam-sanusi-lamido-sanusi-boko-haram.html>)

but Sanusi and his goons are of course desperate to divert attention of Nigerians away from this solid undeniable record.

So exactly what did Sanusi have in mind when he started bamboozling the Nigerian masses with economic jargons to justify higher denominational currency at the same time as pursuing a cashless policy? We might not know the exact details, but no one can doubt which interests – certainly not Nigeria’s - he is promoting. His jail record, arrogant and obscene Islam-bigoted actions including his promotion of Islamic banking using national resources, unilaterally compensating moslem victims of Boko Haram carnage in Kano from national resources, or trying to justify Boko Haram insurgency in terms of revenue sharing formula etc show clearly that, under normal situation, he is not fit for the office he is holding. Yet there he is, stomping about like an elephant in a china store!

**And such as do wickedly against the Covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.
Daniel 11:32**

TOPICAL ISSUE: Progress with Cashless banking, Yet Sanusi Lamido seeks to justify Higher denominations

Only God knows what Sanusi Lamido really thinks of Nigerians. At the same time as he is pursuing the known unstoppable global agenda of removing cash to pave way for chip technologies and the eventual mark-of-the-beast system described in Rev 13:16, Lamido also felt Nigerians are so daft that he could smuggle in a personal local agenda – introduce higher denominational currency.

According to the proposals, which were already running full steam before a determined outcry from the Nigerian populace finally compelled a presidential intervention into the contradictions, five thousand naira bills were to be introduced, while the fifty and one hundred naira notes were to be replaced by coins.

Like we have been explaining for fifteen years now on this bulletin, it is inevitable that cash will be eliminated and buying and selling, (as well as paying for services) will have to go digital.(see Vol 13 No 6). This is how the prophet put it, at a time when such a concept was totally inconceivable, over 2,000 years ago:

And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. (Rev 13:16-17)

Of course, those pushing these moves would not come out to declare they are trying to fulfill the antichrist's agenda. All they need do (and are doing) is push technology, commerce, and society in the appropriate direction, and the rest is inevitable.

For instance with the speed and conveniences of transactions offered by computers, it has not → pg 7

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EXHORTATION: Standing for Victors

Having shown their true standing, the Lord immediately told the rich but empty church in Laodicea what to do.

“I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich, and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear, and anoint thine eyes with eye salve, that thou mayest see” (Rev. 3:18)

He did not only talk about the problem but also about the solution. This clearly tells us that Jesus Christ who is the Head of the church knows exactly the challenges of every parish or church denomination under His control and the solutions to those problems. As the leader or member of a local assembly, if you can pray, the Lord will guide you on what to do. The problem with present day leaders is that they are too busy to pray or they always rely on doing things the way they have always done it, or the way others have always done it. The Lord did not call you to be a copy cat. You can be original and creatively different in your approach to ministry if only you find time to acquaint Him with what is going on and seek His help and direction.

The Lord told them, if you want to be rich, buy gold tried in fire. 1 Peter 1:7 says: ***“That the trial of your faith being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.”***

This talks about the indispensability of faith. If you must be rich, you must demonstrate your faith in Him. Similarly, you must be ready to undergo a trial of your faith. The tougher the trial, the richer you will turn out to be. God holds in high esteem those who can stand before men and go through Nebuchadnezzar's fire for their faith in God. Why is this so? It is because by their golden faith, many can turn unto the Lord, irrespective of whether God intervenes in their trial or not. Do you want to be rich in Heaven? Then gladly accept situations that try your faith in Christ. If others are compromising, you stand tall and straight for Jesus, even when you have to suffer terrible things before men. When you succeed in coming out victorious, God will be proud of you and cause Heaven to give you a standing ovation like Stephen.

If you desire God's standing ovation, first stand for Him without yielding to adverse pressures.

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