



INSECURITY: ARCHBISHOP MARINS URGES FG TO DECLEAR A STATE OF EMERGENCY

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Following the continuous attacks, kidnapping and killing of Nigerians indiscriminately by Boko Haram Terrorists, bandits, herdsmen, kidnappers etc, the Catholic Archbishop of Lagos, Most Rev. Alfred Adewale Martins has urged the Federal Government to declare a state of emergency in the country.

Archbishop Martins, in a statement by the Communications Director of Lagos Archdiocese, Fr Anthony Godonu and made available to the Media Office of the Catholic Secretariat of Nigeria, Abuja, expressed concerns about incessant cases of kidnapping in almost all conceivable places, murder of innocent people, including Policemen, burning down of police stations, correctional facilities, and Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) offices nationwide.

The statement quoted Archbishop Martins as bemoaning “the failure of the government

at all levels to decisively address the root causes of insecurity across the country and bring their perpetrators and sponsors to book. The Federal Government of Nigeria should declare a state of emergency in the country to spare the country looming anarchy which is staring at us”.

Archbishop Martins said the recommendation has become very necessary in order to spare the country from the looming anarchy that is staring us in the face.

He apportions blame to Muhammadu Buhari-led Government for its failure to address the various challenges bedeviling the nation and highlights corruption as a problem that competes favorably with insecurity.

The Local Ordinary of Lagos is quoted as saying “It is obvious that insecurity, apart from corruption, has become the single most serious problem that is facing our country today.

Many innocent persons are being kidnapped for ransom, many are being attacked in their homes and displaced with their properties destroyed and normal life disrupted daily; even Policemen and their stations are being deliberately attacked with impunity.

He said what this means is that the country is gradually drifting into a state of anarchy. “This, no doubt, portends a grave danger for our collective wellbeing”.

