



NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT (CHARTERED)

“The House Must Not Sink”

The President and Chairman of Council of the Nigerian Institute of Management (Chartered), Chief (Dr.) Michael Olawale-Cole has joined other well meaning Nigerians to unequivocally express his concern on bombings rocking different parts of the country- especially the latest attacks in Madalla and Jos on Christmas Day in which about 40 lives and property worth million of naira were lost.

In a statement signed by him, Chief (Dr.) Olawale-Cole who described the latest attacks as “a dastardly act which have further portrayed the country as unsafe for all”, called on the Boko Haram Islamic sect which has been claiming responsibility for series of bomb attacks in the country to sheathe their sword. This development can ‘sink the house’ and all Nigerians have a duty to ensure that the house does not sink. He further urged Nigerians whom he sees as peace-loving people, to uphold only those issues that will keep the nation as one indivisible unit at all times and advised the Federal Government to handle the fall-out of Boko Haram insurgency with tact and diplomacy to forestall the delicate issue from degenerating into a civil strife that will engulf the entire nation. He also advised Mr. President to show some courage and not despair so that Nigerians are assured of their safety.

The NIM President said that Nigeria does not need this kind of distraction at this time of her democratic experience and once again urged notable leaders of Northern Nigeria especially the likes of General Ibrahim Babaginda (Rtd.) , General Muhammadu Buhari (Rtd.), Alhaji Atiku Abubakar, Alhaji Olusola Saraki, Alhaji Shehu Shagari ,General Abdulsalami Abubakar (Rtd.), General Yakubu Gowon, the Sultan of Sokoto, the Emirs and other Thought Leaders from the region to speak up and prevail on Boko Haram adherents to put an end to the orgy of violence and the attendant wanton destruction of lives and property. Having played a significant role in building Nigeria, they should not allow ‘the house to sink’.

Chief (Dr.) Olawale-Cole equally commended Christians for the spirit of solidarity and maturity they have been exhibiting since the attacks and enjoined them not to carry out reprisal attacks to avenge the death of those who lost their lives at St. Theresa Catholic Church, Madalla and other incidents , during the last attacks but to be more vigilant and security conscious. If Christians should make an attempt to launch reprisal attacks, the consequences could be grave and the house may sink; which is not in the interest of any section of the country. He equally charged security agencies in the country to brace up for the arduous challenge of effectively securing lives and property in order to forestall such attacks in the future.

On behalf of the Institute, the President commiserated with the families of the dead and the President, Commander-in-chief of Nigerian Armed Forces, Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, GCFR and prayed for the repose of the souls of the Dead and speedy recovery of the wounded.