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Situation in Nigeria:

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- extracts of the debate in the presence of John OLORUNFEMI ONAIYEKAN, Roman Catholic Cardinal Archbishop of Abuja EP Committee on Foreign Affairs
Background: MEPs of the EP Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET) held a debate today in presence of John OLORUNFEMI ONAIYEKAN, Roman Catholic Cardinal Archbishop of Abuja, to treat the situation in Nigeria. Some sources affirm that 185 people have been killed in a recent fighting between the military and Islamist militants in the north of the country. The army considers that this number of casualties has been inflated. However, the country is living intense struggles especially in the north, where is a Muslim majority. Nigeria faces a long-running insurgency that has left thousands of people dead since 2009. Cardinal John OLORUFEMI ONAIYEKAN visited today the EP to talk about this situation.

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TIME	DESCRIPTION	DURATION
00:00:00	Title	00:00:05
00:00:05	Exterior shot of the European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium (1 shot)	00:00:05
00:00:10	Establishing shots, (7 shots)	00:00:31
00:00:41	SOUNDBITE (English): John OLORUNFEMI ONAIYEKAN, Roman Catholic Cardinal Archbishop of Abuja: "This particular phenomenon has taken our Nation largely by surprise it brought the problem of religious conflict to a different level: suicide bombs, terrorist activities in sense indiscriminate killings and most pernicious of all is the fact that this group claims to be Muslim and claim that their objective is to make sure that the whole of Nigeria becomes Muslim and on the other hand they do target Christian and Christian interest in a disproportionate way."	00:00:52

00:01:33	SOUNDBITE (English): John OLORUNFEMI ONAIYEKAN, Roman Catholic Cardinal Archbishop of Abuja: "They have put great pressure on the fragile balance of good relationship between Christians and Muslims in my country. The challenge before us now is to do all we can, to address the activities of this group so that they would stop killing innocent people and at the same time consolidate our efforts to build a Nation that has no other option but to live together."	00:00:51
00:02:24	SOUNDBITE (English): John OLORUNFEMI ONAIYEKAN, Roman Catholic Cardinal Archbishop of Abuja: "Just before I left home yesterday there is news of a major clash between the government forces and some of these terrorist groups which have taken control of a village and have used the citizens as Human shield. The result is a terrible tragedy in which over 100 lives were lost."	00:00:27
00:02:51	SOUNDBITE (English): John OLORUNFEMI ONAIYEKAN, Roman Catholic Cardinal Archbishop of Abuja: "We are all victims here, in fact all Christian. It isn't that the Catholic church is exempt from this, in fact we are generally very much in the frontline because our churches are very visible in the big cities, we are getting so much attacks from these groups and we are obviously are very worried."	00:00:21
00:03:12	SOUNDBITE (English): John OLORUNFEMI ONAIYEKAN, Roman Catholic Cardinal Archbishop of Abuja: "There is a general impunity in our country and I believe it is a general cultural of impunity which is also working in the area of inability of properly prosecute perpetrators of massacres. How do we overcome that? All that brings us back again to the basic issue of good governance in the real sense of the word."	00:00:30
00:03:42	cut away shots (8 shots)	00:00:32
00:04:14	END	00:00:00

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