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Information on a Christian group called Berome

A *BBC News* article from March 2010 on Jos in Plateau state notes:

“The mainly Christian Berom, Anaguta and Afisare groups have traditionally been farmers and generally back the People's Democratic Party - which is currently in power at both state and national level” (BBC News, (8 March 2010), *Nigeria violence in Jos: Q&A*).

Another *BBC News* story from March 2010 on Jos states:

“A mosaic of distinct ethnic groups - Tiv, Jukun, Pyem, Kofyar, Berom, the Hausa-Fulani and many more - live along this dividing line between the Muslim north and mostly Christian south” (BBC News, (12 March 2010), *No end to Nigeria cycle of violence*). This article also states: “Most indigenes are Berom Christians. Most settlers are Hausa Muslims” (*Ibid*).

Commenting on the situation in Jos, a *Human Rights Watch* article from March 2010 states:

“Witnesses interviewed by Human Rights Watch said the attacks were committed by Muslim men speaking Hausa and Fulani against Christians, mostly of the Berom ethnicity” (Human Rights Watch, (8 March 2010), *Nigeria: Investigate Massacre, Step Up Patrols*).

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