

Dozens die in Kano jail break

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A violent revolt aimed at jail break in Kano central prison by hundreds of inmates was crushed, Friday, resulting

festival ends attendance

decision by some to stay away from the venue of the celebration was not connected with the

in the killing of unspecified number of the prisoners.

The violent protest which according to an eye witness started when virtually all the Muslims Ummah were at the mosques, caused serious confusion in the city center, with housewives shouting for help.

Awalu Uba, who told *Saturday Champion* that he lives close to the prison, and he was present when the inmates climbed the fence of the prison yard throwing stones randomly

at people while shouting war songs that they must be freed immediately.

A large portion of the prison rooms were said to have been set ablaze by the revolting prisoners, a situation that forced a joint Mobil police and prison officials to open fire on them which caused the killing of some inmates.

At the time our correspondent arrived the scene, over 20 seriously wounded inmates were being conveyed to General Murtala

Muhammed Hospital, Kano by the combined force of the mobile policemen and prison officials.

Similarly, report has it that over six trucks of fire brigades arrived at the scene in an effort to quench the fire which was said to be put by the inmates, while hundreds of onlookers were busy shouting for help in fear of what was happening.

Attempts to reach the police spokesperson, in the state, Baba Muhammed (SP), proved abortive.