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JNI counts 138 bodies

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The Jama'atu Nasril Islam (JNI) Jos North Local Government Chapter said yesterday that it had counted 138 bodies from last Sunday's skirmish which spilled to yesterday.

Officials of the JNI, Malam Danjummai Khalid and Hajiya Khadija Gambo Hawaja told our correspondent that people were bringing corpses and the wounded to the mosque which serves as collection and first aid center for victims.

The JNI officials said on Sunday evening, they buried 71 bodies and by Monday they had 68 bodies in the mosque. They said 150 persons were injured in different places, adding that the injured were taken to various hospitals for treatment. The Programme Coordinator of the Christian Stefanus Foundation Engineer Mark Lipdo said they were not able to count the number of the dead as at Monday because it was too early to do so. Engineer Mark said on Sunday he saw 15 bodies, nine at the Jos University Teaching Hospital and two at the Jan Kwano Hospital and 43 were being treated, adding that on Monday, the casualties at the Plateau Hospital and parts of Jos and Bukuru environs increased. "Some were down on the streets crying for help but the pathetic situation is that we could not get an ambulance to take them to hospital", he said.

Similarly there were reports that fresh violence erupted in some villages along Bukuru yesterday where 20 persons were killed. According to the chairperson, Women Welfare Committee (JNI) Hajiya Khadija Gambo Hawaja, there are 71 corpses at the Jos Central mosque which include two infants and a three year old child while there are over 150 injured mostly from gun shots.

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