

Jos: One killed, several injured in student's protest

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AT least one person died yesterday while several others were injured including two soldiers when the students of the Plateau State Polytechnic attempted to lynch a man over allegations of possession of explosives in a container.

The students who barricaded the main road leading to the city centre of Jos, alleged that a man who was seen entering the premises of the institution was carrying what seemed to be

explosives meant to be detonated in the school.

An eyewitness who was at the scene of the incident, told *Weekly Trust* that "students were protesting that they saw a man with a bag in front of the Plateau State Polytechnic and suspected that it was explosive devices contained in his bag, they attempted to beat the man until he was rescued by security operatives"

He said when the security operatives rescued the man, "it did not go down well with the students

because they wanted the security to allow them to beat the man and that is why they blocked the way protest."

Investigations further revealed that security operatives then intervened in order not to allow the situation escalate, "but the students started to haul stones at the soldiers thereby injuring two of them in the process," another eyewitness said.

He further said the Deputy Registrar and Students Union Government leaders of the

institution, tried to intervene by calming the students but they were also stoned. "When the situation was about to go out of hand the security operatives then started shooting into the air in order to disperse them and in the process, stray bullets injured seven students".

Weekly Trust also learnt that one of the students died in the hospital, while the rest were receiving treatment in an unknown hospital.

Confirming the incident, Divisional Police Officer in charge

of Anglo Jos, Superintendent Emega John, told newsmen that the arrested people will be taken to state police headquarters for further investigations.

According to Mr John, police rescued one person called Mr Sunday Ebo who was suspected by students of the Plateau State Polytechnic, to be in possession of arms and explosive devices, but after he was rescued, police only saw cell phone bags inside the Laptop bag in his possession.