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RIOT IN JOS SOUTH OVER KILLING OF 9 YOUTHS



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Riot broke out in Gero village of Jos South Local Government Area of Plateau State yesterday after the bodies of nine youths from Dadin Kowa community were discovered in a forest.

Daily Trust gathered that the nine youths who were friends had gone for hunting and herb search in a nearby forest on Sunday morning but did not return. Sources from the community said the matter was reported to law enforcement agencies and a search party was organized yesterday morning which led to the discovery of the nine corpses around 4pm.

The discovery of the corpses triggered a riot in Dadin Kowa community which led to a traffic grid lock on the Yakubu Gowon express way as demonstrators smashed vehicles and set fire to some vehicles until the arrival of reinforcement from the Special Task Force and the police.

A brother to one of the deceased who gave his name as Anas Adamu told our correspondent on phone: "We earlier heard that some five corpses were taken to Bingham Teaching hospital so we organized members of our community vigilante to go there and check but they were denied entry by security men. Later on we heard the corpses of all nine were found around Gero village."

Musab Yakubu's younger brother, Mohammed, was also among the deceased. He gave the names of other victims as Hassan Abdullahi, Haruna, Hassan, Suleiman, Ismail and Aliyu.

The Special Task Force Media and Information Officer, Captain Salisu Mustapha confirmed the incident, saying the sector commander after calming the residents of Dadin Kowa was on his way to Gero to carry out investigations.

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