

# One killed as STF averts crisis in Jos

From Lami Sadiq, Jos

Security operatives in Jos yesterday averted what would have been a religious crisis around Gero road junction in Bukuru, Jos-south Local Government Area of Plateau State following the alleged killing of one youth.

Daily Trust gathered from the secretary of the Bukuru Elders Committee, Bala Baba Mohammed and the youth leader in the community, Isa Abubakar, that three youths

were attacked in Gyel community around 10am yesterday and that one was killed while another is presently hospitalised.

Abubakar said: "A woman invited them to Gyel to buy iron rod, but on getting there, the woman was not around so some youths gathered and started beating them. Yahaya Ahmed was killed, while Rufai Aminu Ahmed, who is the son of a Radio France correspondent in Abuja, was injured."

It was gathered that report of the attack caused youths from the community to

embark on a reprisal, but the Special Task Force intervened and installed law and order.

Dadum, a resident from Gyel area said: "We were at home when we saw a group of youths, armed with sticks protesting and we the youths in our area had to come together quickly in order for them not to attack us and our homes."

The STF Media and Information Officer, Captain Ikedichi Iweha, however told Daily Trust that no youth was killed in

the incident and warned communities not to take laws into their hands.

Iweha said: "Some youths entered Gyel and the community tried to take laws into their hands. We don't have report of any death; one person is in the hospital and we are still dominating the area. We are aware of the apprehension in town but that does not give anybody the right to take laws into his/her hands. There are STF sectors everywhere and we advice people to report anything suspicious".