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Prison inmates shot dead, others injured attempting escape

From Magaji Isa, Jalingo

At least two inmates were shot dead while several others were injured Wednesday in an attempt to escape from the Jalingo main prison in Taraba State.

Daily Trust gathered that the inmates started a protest earlier in the day over poor condition and overcrowding.

Witnesses said they started shouting and later started hitting the gates.

"There was a terrifying sound of gunshots and screaming inside the prison," a resident said.

The prisoners tried to force their way out of the prison and it took wardens hours to bring the situation under control.

At least two inmates died in the process. The injured were taken to the Federal Medical Center in Jalingo, our correspondent gathered. The Commissioner of Police, Shaaba Alkali, and the Civil Defence Corps Commandant, Kamilu Isa, visited the prison as security was beefed up.

Taraba State Controller of Prisons, Ibrahim Isa Bambur, declined commenting on the incident.

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