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## Man killed in Jos, thrown into well

From Isa Abdulsalami, Jos

JOS, the Plateau State capital, is still under tense situation as one man was killed yesterday at Abattoir Village in Jos North.

An eyewitness said the unidentified man was

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macheted to death, wrapped in a sack and thrown into a well. "It was one of the residents who saw the killer dragging the deceased into the well that alerted the other neighbours around, and before they could go to the well, the attacker had fled," the eyewitness said.

As at the time of filing this report, the area was boiling as the other group of people who shared the same religious faith with the deceased attempted to stage a reprisal attack but their attempt was immediately thwarted by the combined team of the soldiers of the Special Task Force (STF), the Police, the State Security Service (SSS) and the Civil Defence Corps. They had succeeded in containing the situation.

Meanwhile, the abattoir road leading to the state secretariat junction and the one branching off to the NNPC Mega-Filling Station had been cordoned off by the security personnel.

People at the abattoir came out in their large number to line the streets where the incident occurred, wanting to know whether the place would still be safe for them to sleep yesterday. But the security operatives were assuring them to go back to their houses as the situation was under control. The people were still adamant because of


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their apprehension of being attacked at night.

According to a resident: "We cannot leave now until we see the end of this thing today (yesterday). We don't want to be taken by surprise. If it means our women and children should leave here while we men remain, we would not hesitate to do that."

Asked if they do not have confidence in the security personnel, he said that the security agents are doing their best, adding, however, that they still have to do more. The security personnel claimed to have arrested some people in connection with the incident. "But how are we sure they will do justice? That is our fear," the resident said.

Chairman of the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), Plateau State Chapter, Rev. Philip Dafes, advised the security-men to be upright in their duty and not turn their back on crimes being perpetrated only to come to the rescue after much havoc would have been committed.

The body of the deceased at the abattoir had been deposited at the Jos Air Force Military Hospital Mortuary. The security personnel, according to the eyewitness, arrested about 12 youths "but the soldiers who are of the same religion with them are trying to shield them and we are not happy."

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