

RRS officer assaulted by the youths

## Man found dead in Jos, residents flee

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**T**HE body of a middle-aged man was found by the roadside on Tuesday morning in Rikkos area of Jos North Local Council of Plateau State.

Residents woke up in the morning to discover the body beside the street of Rikkos. Based on their past experiences, they started running for fear of being arrested by security operatives.

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) of the state police command, Assistant Superintendent Terna Tyopev, distanced the police from what happened at Rikkos. Tyopev said since the incident was not reported to him by the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) in charge of the area, it meant the police were not involved.

But when contacted on phone, the spokesman of the Operation Safe Haven (OPSH) in the state, Captain Umar Adam, neither answered calls put to him nor replied to text messages sent to his phone.

However, a resident of the

community, Mallam Baba Muhammad, told *The Guardian* that the incident took place on Monday night near ECWA Church at Yarkasuwa.

According to him, "some miscreants popularly called 'Yandaba' strayed into the area and saw two people fighting. They hijacked the fight and it became a free-for-all. Two persons were killed, including one Dan-Garuwa (a water vendor)."

He said as at 7:00a.m. on Tuesday, 22 suspects were arrested by security operatives.

Meanwhile, Angwuan Rukuba community of Jos North Local Council is still tensed as heavily-armed security personnel are seen at the scene where a bloody conflict was averted between the Anaguta and Afizere ethnic groups a week ago.

It was gathered that one of the groups, which felt cheated in the whole exercise might have been contemplating revenge but the security men were proactive by not treating the issue with levity.

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