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# Concerns as protests turn violent in North, govs impose curfews

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*Pic 7. Protesters in Road during the #EndBadGovernance in Nigeria protest in Jos on Thursday (1/8/2024)., 0007/AUGUST/1/8/2024/Sunday Adah/TA/ICE/NAN*

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The governors of Borno, Yobe and Kano yesterday imposed 24-hour curfews on their states as the protest against bad governance turned violent. Governor Babagana Zulum said the restriction was needed to protect life and property.

This came after protesters destroyed government facilities at the Borno State Traffic Maintenance Agency (BOTMA) and other places. Announcing the curfew in Maiduguri, the spokesman for the police command, ASP Nahum Dado, noted: "The state has suffered from violent extremism for over a decade. At this critical



The Police Commissioner, Yusuf Lawal, disclosed this while providing a situation report to the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Maiduguri. He said the police swiftly deployed the Explosive Ordnance Device (EOD), Base 13, which probed the scene and rendered the area, which was near a filling station, safe.

Lawal said the injured persons and corpses were evacuated to the Specialist Hospital in Maiduguri for treatment and autopsy. Lawal, who commented on the curfew, said many minors, mostly Almajiris, between the ages of nine and 15, took over the Maiduguri-Kano road and vandalised public property.

He explained that despite persuasion by the police, the crowd turned riotous, forcefully broke barriers, pelted officers with stones and advanced towards the city centre.

Lawal said the rioters later spilt to other parts of Maiduguri and broke into the Borno State Mechanical Workshop along Baga Road.



“They looted vocational skills acquisition equipment and vandalised five official vehicles belonging to BOTMA.” According to him, 14 suspects were arrested and are currently under investigation at the command’s Criminal Investigation Department.

loss of life and property and restore calm to the state.



*Pic 3. Cross section of protesters at the Central Area, beside NAN Headquarters, during the #EndBadGovernance protest in Abuja on Thursday (1/8/2024).0003/AUGUST/1/8/2024/Anthony Alabi/ICE/NAN*

Hoodlums invaded shops and carted away government property. Others set up bonfires. Security operatives responded by deploying teargas and shooting into the air to disperse the youths.

About 11 journalists narrowly escaped death as hoodlums attacked a vehicle belonging to Channels TV. Brandishing dangerous weapons, the assailants smashed the bus, which had been conveying the journalists along Sokoto Road in the metropolis.