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Jos Crisis: JUTH sets up team to treat injured victims

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THE management of Jos University Teaching Hospital (JUTH) has set up a team of medical staff to handle cases of severe injuries sustained by victims of recurring Jos crisis.

Chief Medical Director (CMD) of the hospital, Dr. Ishaya Pam, who disclosed this on Monday while welcoming participants to the five-day seminar on trauma management organised in collaboration with the West African College of Surgeons, said JUTH has treated over 300 victims of Jos crisis with six persons losing their limbs.

According to Dr. Pam, who was represented by Prof. Edmond Banwat, "the location of this sixth edition of Trauma management seminar in JUTH has become necessary in view of the challenges we face in Pla-

Robbers kill policeman, pregnant woman, two others

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A GANG of armed robbers led by a girl on Monday, in Port Harcourt, Rivers State capital, killed four persons, including a policeman, two employees of a communications outfit and a passer-by.

One of the persons killed in the incident was a pregnant woman working with Multi-net Communications, where the robbers carted away undisclosed quantity of recharge cards.

The hoodlums were said to have trailed their victims, occupants of a black Volkswagen

Jetta saloon car, from Rumuokuta to Rumuola road in the state capital.

The victims, including a police escort, were on their way to the bank before the heavily armed hoodlums attacked them.

Eyewitnesses said the armed robbers, were operating with Sub-Machine Guns (SMG's) that had ammunition chains attached to them. They rained bullets on the three occupants of the Jetta car.

It was learnt that the armed robbers (three men and two women) would not have opened fire immediately, but were angered by the driver of a Toyota Camry,

who tried to frustrate their operation by blocking the road.

Sensing the intention of the intruder, a woman believed to be the leader of the gang immediately shot at the driver of the Toyota Camry, who immediately ran for his life.

An eyewitness and trader said: "After the escape of the driver that was seen by the bandits as an intruder, the armed robbers faced the three occupants of the Jetta car and pumped bullets on them.

"The people in that Jetta car died instantly. Many people ran for their lives and the armed robbers operated without any challenge," he said.

While shooting, a stray bullet hit a passer-by, who died immediately, while the armed robbers carted away an undisclosed amount of money in a Ghana-Must-Go bag and disappeared through the Psychiatric road area.

They reportedly shot sporadically into the air to scare away any intruder, while escaping through the Rumuokuta/Rumuola road.

Following the fear created by the robbers, all banks located along the Rumuokuta/Rumuola road close down immediately, even as customers were prevented from using the Automated Teller Machine (ATM).