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Gboko boils, as security operatives kill six at Dangote Cement

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Gboko, the headquarters of Gboko Local Government Area of Benue State, is boiling over the death of six persons that may have been shot dead by the combined forces of soldiers and anti-riot policemen.

Daily Independent gathered that trouble started on Tuesday when a youth in the area, who had gone into the bush around Dangote Cement plant at T se Kucha, Gboko LGA to defecate, was shot in the head by a soldier posted to the plant.

The youths in the area, in protest to the killing, marched round the town with the deceased and ended up blocking the highway for several hours before they were dislodged by security forces.

It was further learnt that in the process of dislodging the youths using firearms, five other persons lost their lives.

Daily Independent sources explained that as at 5:00pm, youths in Gboko had taken to the streets in protests, even as they had laid some of the dead bodies at the palace of the paramount ruler of Tiv nation, Orchivirigh Alfred Akawe Torkula.

Most shops in Gboko Township were closed before 6:30pm for fear that the protest might be hijacked by miscreants.

The situation had earlier brought to a close all business activities at the Tse Kucha, including Dangote Cement plant. The Benue State Command of the Nigeria Police has since confirmed the incident.

However, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) said the police was aware of the death of only one person.

Meanwhile, tempers were raised in Makurdi, the state capital, over the death of two persons that were killed in a farm by suspected Fulani herdsmen near Welfare Quarters, at the outskirts of Makurdi

A family member of the deceased had reported to the police that his brother had gone to the farm and did not return but was traced to the farm only for them to discover his dead body with matchet cuts and another corpse beside him that was burnt beyond recognition. The Police also confirmed the incident.

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