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## 15 Arrested Over Jos Killings

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Security forces yesterday arrested 5 suspects after three people were killed in a fresh outbreak of sectarian violence near the flashpoint city of Jos, the army said yesterday.

The Muslim Fulani herdsmen died on Saturday in attacks believed to have been launched by ethnic Beroms.

"Fifteen suspects have been arrested," Colonel Kayode Ogundele, the operations director of a special military unit in central Plateau State, told AFP.

The three were reportedly searching for lost cattle about 40 kilometres south of Jos when dozens of youths murdered them before setting the bodies on fire.

An AFP reporter saw the bodies at an air force hospital in Jos .

"We will arrest more people. Those arrested are helping us with our investigation," Ogundele said. "For sure, those found to have had a hand in the incident, will face the law."

Muslim herdsmen from the Fulani and Hausa ethnic groups launched attacks on five Christian Berom villages in March, killing more than 500 people, state officials say.

Local rights groups say 1,500 people have died in inter-communal violence in the Jos region since the start of this year alone. It had been under curfew since earlier bloodshed in 2008.

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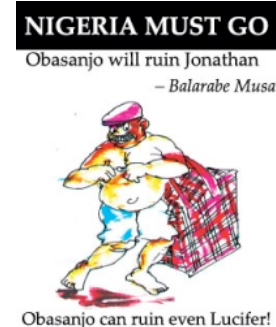
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