

Five feared dead in Bauchi riot

FIVE persons were feared killed yesterday and several others injured during a riot in Yelwa, Bauchi State.

Troops, policemen and other security agents have been deployed in Yelwa.

Houses, churches and mosques were razed in the riot. Properties worth million of naira, including vehicles, motorcycles and personal effects, were destroyed.

The Nation learnt that the trouble started when a mosque was built by Muslim students in Baba Tanko Government Secondary School against the wishes of the Christian community.

The objection did not go down well with the Muslim students.

It was gathered that there were security reports a week ago on the possibility of the crisis erupting.

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Governor Isa Yuguda, it was learnt, has cut short his trip to Saudi Arabia over the crisis.

The Governor's Special Adviser on Information, Maktari Magah, told reporters last night that no deaths and injuries were recorded. But he confirmed that there was considerable damage.

The Police and other security agents have been drafted to the area to maintain peace, while investigation has begun.

Police Commissioner Adanaya Talman-Gaya is coordinating the operation of the combined team of soldiers, policemen and the security agents drafted to Yelwa.

Hundreds of residents have fled their homes to take refuge in police barracks.

The crisis was said to have started from Baba Takko Government Day Secondary School in Yelwa-Kagadama. It spread to the neighbouring communities.

Two students of the school, who were injured, were taken to the COCIN Clinic, Yelwa.

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VICE President, Goodluck Jonathan has called on the National Boundary Commission, the state and local government boundary committees to work together to ensure that boundary disputes are resolved as quickly as possible.

He made the call at a national workshop on Boundary Definition and Dispute Resolution held in Abuja.

The vice president, repre-