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## Bauchi violence: death toll rises to 70

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At least **70** people have died in violent clashes between security forces and Islamists in **Bauchi**, according to a hospital morgue body count yesterday.

The clashes erupted Monday between suspected members of an Islamist sect, Kala-Kato and police and military forces.

A visit to the morgue showed 42 bodies on the floor, all with bullet or machete wounds.

Another 25 bodies, mostly young people including many children, had been placed in cold storage rooms at the morgue.

"With the heat, these bodies need to be buried quickly as they will decompose rapidly," an employee at the morgue said.

The radical Islamic sect Kala-Kato, also known by the name of Maitatsine, has been present in several states in northern Nigeria for decades.

Insurrections by its members in 1980 in Kano and Yola in 1992, left thousands of people dead.

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