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10 feared dead in Jos North violence

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Ten persons were feared dead yesterday in Nasarawa Gwom in Jos North Local Government Area of Plateau

A dusk-to-dawn curfew has been imposed on the area by the government. The curfew is from 6p.m., to 6a.m.

Thirty-five persons have been arrested in connection with the violence, which occurred 14 months after the Jos North crisis in which hundreds died.

The Abisoye presidential panel is still on the Jos North crisis. It started sitting three weeks ago.

The state police commissioner, Greg Anyating told reporters that the crisis erupted following attacks by a group of Muslim youths who stormed a church in Nasarawa Gwom.

He said "the attack by the Muslim youths was without any provocation", adding that normalcy was restored immediately following the despatchment of the policemen to "contain the situation".

Anyating urged the people to disregard any rumour of a crisis

Some persons who fled the crisis scene are, however, taking refuge at the command headquarters.

Other areas affected by the crisis are Bauchi Road, Dutse Ukwu, Congo Russia, Sarkin Mangun, Sabon Layi, Alikazaure and Massalacin Jumaa.

Commissioner for Information, Gregory Yenlong advised residents to "strictly adhere to this directive (curfew) as all efforts are being intensified to ensure the safety of lives and properties"

He called on the citizens to cooperate with the police and security agencies charged with maintaining peace and

The government, he added, is doing everything possible to ensure that there is no breakdown of law and order, the prevailing security situation.

Yenlong said the government's attention had been drawn to a "security breach" in the Nasarawa Gwom area of

"Government is assuring the citizens that the situation is being brought under control, and citizens should go about their normal business but anyone trying to foment trouble will be dealt with," he warned.

Yenlong asked citizens to disregard any rumours arising from the skirmish.



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