Two fear dead, 42 arrested in Taraba

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RIOT policemen and soldiers took over the streets of <u>Jalingo</u>, the Taraba State capital, and some other towns as the violence in the North spread yesterday.

Also affected were Gassol and Bali, the country home of Governor Danbaba Suntai.

Local government headquarters were under tight security.

Two persons were feared dead and many others were reportedly injured in clashes among party supporters.

Many homes were torched, police said.

"Mutum-Biyu and Bali are the worst hit by the political crisis," a source told The Nation.

The police said 42 suspects had been arrested over the mayhem.

Addressing reporters yesterday, Police Commissioner Musa Aliyu confirmed the killings.

He said: "Two bodies were recovered by the police. The bodies have been conveyed to Jalingo Federal Medical Centre's morgue while investigation is ongoing to ascertain the identities of the deceased and the cause of the crisis.

"Confusion started in Jalingo on Monday afternoon, following the declaration of results that did not go down well with some party supporters."

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