

# Curfew imposed on Pankshin

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in the area.

One of those killed was said to be a staff of the Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN), who was shot while effecting repairs on the electricity power line.

The incident happened in the early hours of Sunday morning, as the irate youths in their hundreds protested the killing and torched the station.

What sparked off the violence was a robbery operation

at a hotel close to the station on Saturday night, according to our findings.

It was further gathered that the residents of the town, who had been experiencing armed robbery operations for quite

some time, alerted the police on the recent operation which resulted in their swooping down on the hotel.

The robbers, who got wind of the presence of the police

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A DUSK-to-dawn curfew was on Sunday imposed on Pankshin town in Plateau State, as youths set ablaze a divisional police station to protest the killing of two persons

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took off into the night relocating themselves into another hotel and blending with guests who were at the time holding a party.

The police, who were in hot purchase in no time arrived at the hotel and made all those found at the party hall, to lie down after which they commenced a search. In the process several arrests were made but some others were said to have escaped.

Unfortunately, by morning a dead body was discovered in the premises of the hotel and this was said to have triggered off the violence as the youths mobilised and proceeded to the police station. It was later gathered that the dead man was killed as he attempted to scale

over the hotel fence which had been lined with broken bottles.

Before setting the police station on fire, the youth who had over powered the police released all those in custody.

It was in a bid to scare off the youth that the police fired some shots into the air and in the process killed a PHCN staff who was at the moments on top of a pole repairing a line.

The irate youth were said to have been heading to the home of the Chairman of the council Anthony Goyol to burn it when the police who had been reinforced dispersed them.

Secretary to the State Government Mr John Gobak, who confirmed this, said the report received was that the robbers were raiding the hotel before the police came in.