

# Death toll in Jos crisis rises to 10

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FOLLOWING an outbreak of crisis in some parts of Jos North Local Government Area of Plateau State on Sunday, people of the affected communities have alleged indiscriminate arrest of women by security operatives, even as the death toll has increased to 10.

After years of respite, parts of Jos metropolis erupted in crisis on Sunday, during which the natives and members of the Hausa community in Dutse Uku and some adjoining settlements raised arms against themselves over the death of a young man discovered in the area.

When Nigerian Tribune

visited the affected communities on Monday, there was heavy presence of combined team of Operation Safe Haven and policemen keeping vigil to curb any possible reprisal.

A community leader in the area, Samuel Boyi, told the Nigerian Tribune that no fewer than 10 people were killed and several others injured between Sunday and the early hours of Monday, adding that the bodies were deposited at the Jos University Teaching Hospital and the Plateau State Specialist Hospital, while those injured were taken to the Ola Hospital.

The community leader also accused security agents of indiscriminate arrest of

innocent people, especially women, while calling on government to wade into the situation.

When Nigerian Tribune visited the Jos University Teaching Hospital, the Chief Medical Director, Professor Edmund Banwat, confirmed that six bodies were deposited at the mortuary, while 12 people were receiving treatment.

A source close to the Plateau State Specialist Hospital disclosed that four dead bodies were brought to the hospital on Sunday, while seven people were receiving treatment.

However, the Plateau State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Mathias Tyopev Terna, who

confirmed the death of five persons in the incident, said the command was yet to arrest anybody in connection with the incident.

He said efforts were, however, on to arrest the people involved in the protest that lead to the breakdown of law and order, as well as the killer(s) of one Enoch, which sparked the protest on Monday.

The PPRO said when the body of the late Enoch was discovered on Sunday, the police immediately took it to the Plateau State Specialist Hospital mortuary, but when news filtered into the community about the death, some youths in the area began protesting, which then led to the crisis.