

Protest: Three die, 10 arrested in Gombe LG

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GOMBE State Commissioner of Police, Shehu Maikudi,

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The Commissioner of Police in Gombe State, Shehu Maikudi, has confirmed three unidentified persons dead and 10 others arrested, following a protest and eventual declaration of curfew by the state government.

A group of women had been involved in a peaceful protest over an allegedly planned announcement of an unpopular candidate to the stool of the Mai Tangale after the demise of Abdu Buba Maisheru.

Maikudi spoke on Saturday when Governor Inuwa Yahaya led some members of the state government on an assessment tour of the destruction in Billiri LGA.

He said, “So far, we have arrested 10 suspects and counting. About three people died in the course of the incident.”

Yahaya, however, said the perpetrators of violence in the community would not go unpunished, adding that efforts were ongoing to restore lasting peace in the area.

The governor said, “If the people were peaceful, it wouldn’t have resulted in this, so it was not peaceful. Naturally, the law must take its course because the people that perpetrated this dastardly act have been arrested. We will not allow this to go without getting to the root of the matter. I will continue to plead for peace, so that things will go back to normal.”

However, in a state-wide broadcast on Saturday evening, Yahaya said the curfew would continue until calm returned to the area, while calling on thought leaders to exercise restraint in their utterances.

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