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The death toll as a result of the bomb explosions that hit churches at Zaria and Kaduna yesterday and the reprisal attacks at different parts of Kaduna metropolis has continued to increase.

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Though official figures by the police and State Emergency Management Agency put the death toll at 34 and the wounded 150 persons, unofficial account from members of the affected Zaria and Kaduna churches that spoke to P.M.NEWS today put the figures at over 100 with more than 300 injured

Solomon Shendong , a member of the bombed ECWA Church, Wusasa, Zaria, revealed that 30 members of the church have been confirmed dead, while several others are still in critical condition at Anglican Church, Wusasa, and other hospitals in Zaria.

Mathew Ishaya , a member who claimed to have "escaped death by the whiskers," informed newsmen that the bombers killed more than 20 members and over 60 were severely injured.

And at Shalom church, Kaduna, a church official disclosed that only a soldier, two private security guards and the bomber died.

According to the official, "no member of the church died except for one of our ushers that was injured."

A source among a team of National Emergency Management Agency, NEMA, evacuating the dead victims of the reprisal attacks at Sabon-Tasha, Nasarawa, Ungwar Romi, Goni-Gora, Trikania, Kudenda and other parts of the state told our correspondent that they had picked more than 80 corpses, most of them burnt.

Effort to reach NEMA was futile but newsmen gathered that the death toll was still rising and may shoot up to over 100.

However, normalcy has returned to Kaduna following the round-the-clock curfew imposed on the state yesterday after riots broke out in different parts of the metropolis.

Residents have been forced to remain indoors while soldiers and other security personnel are patrolling the streets.

The 24-hour curfew according to Senior Special to Kaduna Governor, Reuben Buhari will remain until there was a clear sign of some relative calm in the state.

Meanwhile, rescuers searched for bodies and hospitals struggled to find blood Monday after suicide attacks on three churches in Nigeria and subsequent rioting killed at least 45 and wounded more than 100, reports AFP.

"Many of them need surgery, but a shortage of blood is stalling treatment," a Red Cross official in Kaduna said of the wounded on Monday.

"We're still going about looking for more bodies in these neighbourhoods."

Officials put the state — which last year saw rioting that left more than 600 people dead in the wake of presidential elections — under curfew for 24 hours.

"As of last night, around 10 p.m., the death toll stood at 45," a rescue official said on condition of anonymity as he was not authorised to issue death tolls.

"The death toll is expected to rise when we get updated."

More than 100 people were injured in the day of violence, according to the National Emergency Management Agency.

The first blast struck ECWA Goodnews Church in the Wusasa area of Zaria city early Sunday. The second explosion went off 10 minutes later at the Christ the King Catholic church in Zaria's Sabongari area, a police statement said.

The third blast hit the Shalom Church in Kaduna city moments later.

A worshipper said he saw a bomber drive an explosives-packed car into the church building.

"Right away the car exploded and killed a soldier and two private security guards guarding the church," Joseph Emmanuel told AFP.

The violent response by Christian youth mobs that followed the attacks was termed "a momentary breakdown of law and order," in the police statement.

The police chief urged "criminal elements who have been carrying out campaigns of violence on innocent Nigerians and institutions to desist forthwith," in the statement issued from Abuja.

He also said a massive deployment of forces had been ordered across "every nook and cranny of the state."

One Kaduna resident said it was not safe to travel on Sunday.

"I cancelled my trip to Abuja because of the huge number of rioters that have taken over the roads," the man told AFP.

The latest church blasts resembled those previously claimed by Boko Haram, responsible for more than 1,000 deaths since mid-2009.

The Islamist group has already this month claimed two attacks that struck churches during Sunday prayers, including a suicide blast in Bauchi state that left at least 15 dead.

Nigeria's population of 160 million is roughly divided between a mainly Muslim north and predominantly Christian south.

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