

Tension in Jos over killing of 3 youths on hunting expedition

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Palpable tension enveloped Dadin Kowa area of Jos North, Plateau State, Monday, as three out of nine youths who had gone to Doro village on Gero Road to hunt for animals were killed.

Most shops in the area remained close in the morning when the boys, who had gone out on Sunday did not return, before news later filtered in that they had been killed. With the tragic news, angry youths trooped to the streets threatening to match evil for evil if the news turns out to be true that their colleagues have been murdered in cold blood for doing nothing against the culture of the land or hurting anybody in their expedition. But when the news was eventually confirmed to be true, the community elders were swift to take control of the situation by asking each family head to tell the youths not to take laws into their own hands or take revenge on innocent persons in the area, but rather take their fight to Doro village where the incident took place if they must take revenge.

But the situation went out of hand in the evening when the dead bodies of the boys were brought in. People started closing their shops hurriedly and running for their lives as it was rumoured that the youths have insisted on taking revenge for the death of the boys. Road blocks were mounted to prevent motorists coming from Bukuru area from passing to Jos; while youths wielding cutlasses were parading the streets. Dadin Kowa area became rowdy.