



# Calm In Nigeria After Clashes Kill Hundreds

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**The Red Cross in Nigeria has told Sky News calm has been restored in the city of Jos after 460 people were killed in religious clashes.**



Police and military troops have restored calm after several days of religious clashes

The presence of troops and police in the city and the relaxing of a 24-hour curfew prevented further outbreaks of the violence that has also injured 1,000.

The **Red Cross** estimates 17,000 people have been displaced and are taking shelter in colleges, hospitals and schools since the fighting began on Sunday.

The calm will allow religious leaders to travel to nearby communities and bury the dead.

They said there was an urgent need for food, water and clothing.

Robin Waudo, of the Red Cross in Jos, told Sky News: "There are many injured being treated in hospital, we estimate 900 people.



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"There are varying accounts of what started the fighting. We're more concerned with the injured.

"We've seen gunshot wounds, machete wounds and a lot of broken limbs and fractures.

"The wounded include 220 who have been arrested by the police and we've been giving them first aid."

Jos has been the centre of several major religious clashes in Nigeria.

Mosque officials have estimated the number of dead Muslims since Sunday at about 400.

US-based [Human Rights Watch](#) on Wednesday said at least 65 Christians had died.

Official government figures were significantly lower at 75 dead, more than 200 injured and 200 arrested.

More than 200 ethnic groups live side-by-side in Nigeria.

A million people were killed in a civil war between 1967 and 1970 and there have been outbreaks of religious unrest since then.

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There is no sweet place like home, i will dress my home and furnish it with beautiful things. why some people are hopeless to the extend of distroying what they have builded. Let the world knows that God love us and kept us alive. "Hopeless home causes helpless future..., Hopeless mind causes hopeless vission, bound to fall in all situation". Please lets think positive and pray for our nation.

*Posted By :Joel* [Report This](#)

I suggest that we help by sending the 200 000 illegal nigerians dealing in drugs and all other crimes in South Africa back to Nigeria!

*Posted By :Paul* [Report This](#)

God you're an idiot Allan Nicholson. I suppose if the Germans won the war our streets may have been cleaner and the trains would run on time. Would you have preferred us to sacrifice our freedom for an accurate bus timetable? Now do you think Africans would have preferred to sacrifice their freedom for tobacco sales that line the pockets of their slave masters? Think people, THINK. Empathy, nuance and compassion is what separates us from animals.

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What a tip! no wonder they break a leg to get into Europe, still not the only African country in that state. Who would have believed that the so called evil government of Ian Smith ( Rhodesia) fed most of southern Afriaa at the time and exported Tobacco all over the world. Take a look now after self rule? cannot even feed itself.

*Posted By :allan nicholson* [Report This](#)

People, Nigeria is a law unto its self where you have to live with religion eveyday, the place is as corrupt as anything and they would kill each other for tribal and village reasons . so don't believe all you read and what Bob gedoff tells you. They are fanatical about there religion and god, there are more churches than anywhere else on the planet. and to Tom they are already here in there 100s of thousands but you try and get there.

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