

More Shiites killed in renewed mob attack in Kaduna

●As Jos Prisons holds 44 sect members

Two more members of the Shiite movement are feared killed and 10 others injured in a renewed mob attack in Kaduna. Awwal Yaro Maikyau, Special Adviser on Youths to Governor Nasir El-Rufai, was attacked and injured while trying to mediate.

Residents said the clash was ignited when the Shiites regrouped to renovate their destroyed school near Zango Road, Tudun Wada in Kaduna South Local Government Area.

Mallam Bala Zango, a shop owner at Zango Road, said: "The issue is getting out of hand because hundreds of youths are advancing towards Ungwan Muazu to hunt for Shiite members.

"We heard that two persons suspected to be members of the Shiite sect were killed at Tudun Wada.

"It's very scary because at the end of the day, it's the innocent people that will fall victim."

Some witnesses said Awwal Yaro Maikyau was attacked by the Shiites in his attempt to mediate and is currently receiving treatment in a hospital.

"Awwal Yaro Maikyau, the Governor's SA on Youths whose house is close to the scene of the incident, was also attacked while trying to mediate between them and the irate youths," a family member said.

Some members of the Shiite sect who spoke on phone to online news portal, News Express, said they were attacked when they came "to

put our school centre in shape."

One of them said: "Some thugs came to attack us with weapons, insisting that we must be evicted completely from the place.

"Police arrived the scene and went with some of our members and some community members for settlement."

Samuel Aruwan, Spokesperson to the Governor, when contacted said he is not in town; however, the Police Spokesperson, Aliyu Usman, said they are monitoring the situation.

"Please, be patient. We are monitoring the situation. We shall get back to you later," he said.

Meanwhile, the Police in Plateau on Saturday said 44 members of the Shiite Movement, who embarked on a procession that later turned violent on Wednesday, were remanded in prison custody in Jos.

The Commissioner of Police in the state, Mr. Peter Ogunyanwo, disclosed this while briefing newsmen in Jos.

The Shiite members had embarked on a procession in defiance of police advice.

Violence erupted when the Shiite members had a clash with non-Shiite members.

Although, no person was reported dead, properties worth millions of naira were destroyed in the clash.

Ogunyanwo said that 45 Shiite members were arrested by the men of Operation Safe Haven and handed over to the police.

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