

Jos: Two Dead, Others Injured in Students, Soldiers Clash

At least one student of the Plateau State Polytechnic (Jos campus) and a resident of Hwolshe quarters where the school is located, have been confirmed dead following a clash between students of the institution and soldiers of the Joint Task Force drafted to keep the peace in Jos, Plateau State.

Several others have also sustained varying degrees of injuries and were taken to the Plateau State Specialist Hospital following the incident.

Eyewitness accounts said

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in Jos

violence broke out when the students apprehended a man suspected to be in possession of explosives at the school premises.

As the student screamed and molested the suspect, the soldiers moved in promptly to control the crowd, and in the process rescued the man from the rampaging students.

This angered the students who began to demonstrate and smash car windscreens at the gate of the school. The

soldiers in trying to control the crowd shot into the air and drove the students back into the campus.

As the students continued to run riot within the campus, the soldiers followed suit and continued to shoot into the air to scare them into their classes which led to death of the student and the resident of Hwolshe.

Pacifying the irate students, who had thronged the specialist hospital where their classmates were being treated and the bodies of the dead deposited, the Acting Rector of the Polytechnic, Engineer Dauda Gemang, appealed for calm to avoid more casualties. He said the school authorities will investigate the matter.

30 students arrested and detained by the police in connection with the fracas have secured bail. The

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Student Union Government bus carrying some of the students was seen riddled with bullet holes on the body, confirming gun shots.

Meanwhile, it was later gathered that the suspect apprehended by the students was a mentally unstable man with *garri* and other food items in his possession.