

Three Killed, Four Injured as Soldiers, Policemen Clash in Jalingo

Wole Ayodele in Jalingo

Three people, including two policemen and a civilian, were killed yesterday morning in Jalingo, Taraba State, as soldiers and policemen clashed at the state office of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), venue

of the governorship election results collation centre.

Besides, two soldiers and two policemen also sustained varying degrees of injuries, two of whom underwent emergency surgeries at the Federal Medical Centre in Jalingo and the Specialist Hospital also in Jalingo.

The two sides engaged in a fierce exchange of gunfire and sporadic firing of teargas canisters causing residents of the area and passers-by to run helter-skelter scampering for

safety.

Though the Taraba State Commissioner of Police, Suleiman Yusuf, told journalists at a joint press briefing with the Brigade Commander of

6th Brigade of the Nigerian Army and the Director of State Services (DSS) that only one policeman was killed, THISDAY confirmed authoritatively that corpses of

two policemen were deposited at the morgue of Specialist Hospital while a yet-to-be-identified middle aged man was also killed after being hit by a stray bullet.

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