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# NUJ decries killing of two journalists in Jos

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#### By Taye Obateru

Jos — The Plateau State Council of the Nigeria Union of **Journalists**, **NUJ**, has expressed concern over the **killing**, last weekend, of **two journalists** by angry mob during the fresh outbreak of hostilities in Dogon-Dutse area of the Plateau State capital.

They were attacked and stabbed severally after running into the mob while going for an assignment despite reportedly identifying themselves as **journalists**.

Confirming the death of the **two journalists** identified as Nathan S. Dabak, Deputy Editor and Sunday Gyang Bwede, a reporter, both of The Light Bearer Newspaper, a publication of the Church of Christ in Nigeria, COCIN, headquarters, Jos, the council described as disturbing the situation where more of its

members were becoming casualties in the hostilities.

The statement jointly signed by the Chairman, Katdapba Gobum and Secretary, Isaac Shobayo said the slain **journalists** ran into the mob at Yan Shanu area and were attacked with knives and left to die, adding that their corpses were discovered at the University of Jos Teaching Hospital on Sunday.

"The Council is disturbed by the series of attacks on its members in recent time in the course of carrying out their legitimate duty. It would be recalled that some **journalists** lost their property during 17 January 2010 crisis while some were harassed and wounded by rioters. The same thing also happened shortly after the invasion of Dogo Nahauwa by people suspected to be Fulani herdsmen.

"We are, therefore, calling on the security agencies, especially the Military Special Task Force, to carry out a thorough investigation on the killings of the **two journalists** with the aim of bringing the perpetrators of the dastardly act to book.

"It is unfortunate that men of the fourth estate of the realm in Nigeria are not accorded the deserved respect and recognition in the course of performing their duty especially in a crisis situation," the statement said.

It urged the Federal Government to take decisive action to end the carnage which appeared to have so far defied solution, adding that lip service or continuing to treat the matter with kid gloves would achieve nothing.



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1. Francis Okwara says: April 27, 2010 at 4:25 pm

The Government should find out ways to stop the crisis no matter what is the couse of it.Gov't should set panel or committee of Peace and conflict resolution

2. <u>Christopher</u> says: April 27, 2010 at 3:37 pm

Woron Fan is talking non sence about the withdrawal of the troops on the streets of Jos . These guys are doing the best for the City of Jos, as without them it would have been worst by now. The Beroms ,assisted by their campaign to win sympathy from other bias media want the troops to withdraw so that they can have a free hand to kill and main innocent people as they did in 2001,2004,2008 and Jan. this year. If the Beroms donot want peace and they continue to kill people they will also be hunted down and will never sleep. They must be civilised and imbibe peace of else they are the looser, as they have destroyed their villages towns as well as Bukuru.

3. Sunday Surfair Samuel says:

April 27, 2010 at 1:54 pm

When will these killings stop? Should we continue in perpetual agony and mourning? We can no longer close our eyes to sleep in the land of our birth. What a life...

4. Asher(France) says:

April 27, 2010 at 1:32 pm

Our leaders have no notion of security. How can you expect the security of a whole town like jos from our security men that were not able to curb robbers at our lagos airport some few years ago, when robbers operated all the night and ransacked 9 bureau de changes in our airport. One of the most strategic place in a country. I am sure our streets shall be more safe if we don't have an institution called police. We have about say ten robbers attack a day but we have more than 100 000 police attacks everyday in the country, at gun point. When they molested to shoot you if you don't bribe, which they did most of the time. They are worst than the robbers.

5. *Andrew E* says:

April 27, 2010 at 1:30 pm

Withdrawal of soldiers is an understatement and bias! How can you withdraw soldiers in a **two**-tier system where one tier is trained to terrorize and the other is trained to love? The soldiers should act swiftly and map out who is in the community and develop community-based policing and responsibility. Mutually assured destruction or withdrawal of soldiers (task force), implies irresponsibility.

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