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JOS—NO fewer than five persons were killed in the Plateau State capital, yesterday, in another violence which was sparked off by the burial of some of those killed in last weekend's attack on Mazah, near Jos.

Eye witnesses said emotions ran high after the burial as some angry youths took to the streets attacking people <u>around Angwan Ruku</u>ba. The action sparked reprisals in Dutse Uku and Nasarawa Gwom areas resulting in deaths in both areas.

The leader of the Anaguta community in Jos was said to have been killed at his residence in Dutse Uku area by hoodlums who reportedly torched his residence.

The commotion generated by the violence threw the city into another confusion which forced people to shut down their businesses and run from the flash points.

However, the special task force maintaining security in the state rose to the occasion and prevented the situation from worsening. The soldiers prevented youths who had gathered around Nasarawa Gwom to launch reprisal attacks from doing so.

Spokesman of the task force, Lt. Col. Kingsley Umoh, however, told Vanguard that he was yet to get details of casualties, adding that he would make them available in due course.