

# 21 feared dead In Jos crisis

**R**ELIGIOUS riots in Jos has killed at least 21 people in recent days, as authorities seem to be unable to curb the rising violence.

An Associated Press journalist counted 21 bodies awaiting burial at the city's central mosque yesterday. At the Jos University Teaching Hospital, doctors collected at least 12 bodies bearing gunshot and machete wounds, while another 82 were wounded in fighting in the city, said Dr. Stephen Yohanna, the hospital's chief medical

director.

Families had begun collecting the dead yesterday, so it was unclear if the 12 died at the hospital were included among the dead collected at the city's central mosque. The Stefanos Foundation, a local Christian group which tallies the dead and wounded in conflicts in Jos, is yet to finish a count of the community's dead said foundation coordinator Mark Lipdo.

The violence began Monday in Jos, a city on the volatile dividing line

between Nigeria's largely Christian south and Muslim north. A group of rioters on Monday attacked Muslims praying over the end of Ramadan in a primarily Christian neighborhood,

## Gov Obi advocates S-East regional integration

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**G**OVERNOR Peter Obi has advocated regional integration and cooperation to tackle

using knives, machetes and bows and arrows, Nigeria's National Emergency Management Agency said. At least four people died Monday, as witnesses said more than 50 vehicles and 100 motorcycles were set ablaze during the fighting.

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