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A police surveillance helicopter crashed in

Jos on Wednesday killing four persons on board, including a Deputy Inspector-General of Police, John Haruna.

The Commissioner of Police in Plateau, Mr Emmanuel Ayeni, confirmed the incident and said: "The four people on board, "including a DIG, were all killed". He said the DIG's orderly, the pilot and an engineer were also killed.

An eyewitness said that the helicopter crashed into a house, where a baby was confirmed injured, while an unspecified number of casualties were rushed to Air Force Military Hospital, Jos.

NAN learnt that the helicopter was deployed for surveillance over hot spots in Jos



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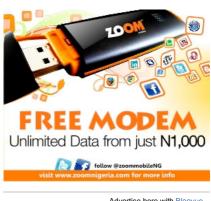
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following renewed hostilities in the area.

Meanwhile, following this development, the Plateau State government had cancelled its weekly Executive Council meeting after receiving news of the accident. (NAN)

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