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Resignations Follow Prison Revolt

TECUMSEH, Neb. (AP) - Nine staff members have quit a Nebraska maximum security prison since inmates revolted last week and temporarily took over part of the facility, leaving two prisoners dead.

Officials allowed media inside the Tecumseh State Correctional Institution for the first time on Tuesday. Warden Brian Gage told Gov. Pete Ricketts that in addition to the staff who resigned after the May 10th disturbance, 40 other staff positions are unfilled.

Gage says the facility's rural location 70 miles south of Omaha makes it difficult to recruit and retain older, experienced staff.

Officials say the disturbance began after officers confronted an inmate who was in the yard but was supposed to be on room restriction, and the prisoner refused to cooperate.

An investigation is underway. The 960-bed facility remains on "modified lockdown" with limited inmate mobility.

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