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## Political thug stabs rival to death

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THE last April general elections may have come and gone but rival political thugs have not forgotten the rancour that characterised the electioneering campaign among various groups.

The political difference which ought to have stopped immediately after the election has persisted in the state.

A fortnight ago Ibrahim Ahmed from Isale-Eko allegedly murdered his rival in what appeared as a revenge of incident that transpired during a political rally in the area.

Daily Champion learnt that Ahmed said to be a loyalist to Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) sighted the deceased, identified as Babatunde at Eko, and attacked him. Ahmed confronted Babatunde and requested him to explain why he played undisclosed roles during Action Congress Party (AC) campaign in the area.

The deceased, our correspondent learnt, played major roles during campaign in the area.

The witness noted that the deceased pleaded with Ahmed to let him go so that he would continue in his motorcycle (Okada) business but his predator declined and insisted that the deceased must explain why

he belonged to AC.

He added that the deceased further informed his rival that the party he worked for did not even remember him and that was why he returned to his Okada business, counselling him to forget whatever that took place during the election but Ahmed told him that he must revenge.

Ahmed allegedly told Babatunde that he was part of the mob that attacked them at Isale-Eko during a clash between both parties.

However, the deceased attempted to free himself from his captive resulting to a fistcuff. His opponent hit him with iron rod and later stabbed him on his neck. Babatunde allegedly died on his way to the hospital.

However, detectives from State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID) have arrested Ahmed and as at press time he is undergoing interrogations.

A police service at SCID, Pante told our correspondent that the suspect have made confessional statement on the murder.

In another development a 24-year-old man who allegedly killed a Kick Against Indiscipline, (KAI) officer has been arrested by detectives from SCID, Panti.

The suspect, Eric Abbe was said to have pushed



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the KAI officer, with his hand and he fell and died. The KAI officer was identified as Gbenga Oluamide.

The suspect has since denied beating the KAI officer. According to him, "I alighted from Okada I boarded with my friend. As the Okada stopped we came down and later we saw one KAI officer running towards us, he held me and insisted that he would take me to their station at Ojota, I enquired from him the offence I com-

mitted since I was not the cyclist but ordinary passenger but he refused.

People gathered at the scene at Ojota bus stop and as I attempted to free myself, he fell down and foam rushed out of his mouth and that was how I was arrested, I did not commit any offence, I did not beat him, devil just want to deal with me, I am innocent."

However, police said they have begun investigation into the matter.

## Security tips

DO not encourage your domestic servants to harbour unknown person. They could be thieves studying the position of things in your premises.

- Avoid spending nights with free women.
- Avoid sudden and friendly offers of soft drinks, fruits and even food from people unknown to you. You could be drugged.
- Don't board a taxi with strangers. They may be robbers.
- If air-conditioners are installed, make sure that they cannot be removed from outside to prove entry for thieves.
- Beware of gorgeously dressed young men with heavy brief cases, as they could be armed robbers hiding their weapons therein.
- Remove any object which can aid an intruder into your house for instance, ladder.
- If you are driving and observe that you are being followed by particular car drive straight to the nearest police station rather than to your house.
- Provide adequate security for cash in transit, including the use of police escort.

Help the police to help you and let us join hands to rid our society of crime. It is our collective responsibility.

Report suspicious movement within your vicinity to the police never you confront criminals as your life is very important. Call the police on the following distress numbers:- R. R. S 775715, 08023127351-6, Police Control Room Emergency/Distress Call Tel Nos 01-7745070, 01-77150706, 08060357785, 199, 997, 470381, 4720387, 472388, 4720389, 470390.

## Missing persons

ONE Benjamin Onyeji 'm' aged 28 years, about 4.5ft tall, dark in complexion, speaks Igbo, Pigin English and Hausa languages fluently. If seen contact One Basil Chukwuma Onyeji 'm' of No. 92 Bayo Oyewole Street Okota, Lagos or A/Adele Police Station.