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THAT'S SERIOUS

40 killed in jail-break plot

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FORTY inmates of the Agodi Prisons, Ibadan, Oyo State capital were yesterday killed by security operatives as they attempted to forcefully escape from the premises.

Also, 14 other inmates and four prison staff sustained various degrees of injury during attempted jail break.

Both the prison authorities and the police confirmed the incident.

Daily Champion gathered that some of the prisoners who were wielding knives first attacked prison officials, accusing them of having a hand in the death of an inmate last weekend.

The officials, it was learnt include a female warder who attempted to feed them and cashed in on the opportunity escape.

Following this, they quickly mobilized to the awaiting trial male ward from where the demonstrated escalated.

The prisoners subsequently broke into the store and tailoring workshop where they armed themselves with knives and scissors with which they attacked the waders.

However, the comptroller of prisons in the state, Mrs Maureen Omeili has since dismissed the inmates' claim that their colleague died last weekend, saying the man is still alive.

Meanwhile the Comptroller-General of Prisons, Mr. Sola Ogundipe yesterday visited Agodi Prisons to have an on-the-spot assessment of the situation.

Splatters of blood were seen on various parts of the prisons where many store items including cooking utensils, and raw food items were scattered.

A wide gaping hole dug on the tall wall of the prisons through which the prisoners intended to escape was seen, manned by armed mobile policemen, as newsmen were conducted round the complex.

The state comptroller said the four prison staff who were wounded have received medical attention.

Confirming the incident, the state police commissioner, Mr Udom Ekpo Udom said there was a distress call from prisons official that the inmates had overpowered the warders and were attempting to escape.

"I sent my men who laid ambush around the prison, some of the prisoners dug holes in the fence to facilitate their escape, while others used their bodies to build ladder for their escape," he noted.

He said 15 inmates were killed.

Daily Champion recalls that a violent revolt aimed at jail break in Kano Central Prisons by hundreds of inmates was crushed recently.

Unspecified number of the inmates were reportedly killed while 20 others were wounded by security agents.