

Kano: Mob burns taxi driver to death

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HUNDREDS of *okada* riders on Monday lynched a taxi driver in Kano State for allegedly abducting some kids for rituals.

The driver, simply identified as Salisu, was however being confirmed to be innocent by the Police Spokesman, in the state SP Baba Muhammad, who said the man had never been found wanting in his entire dealings and there were no kids inside his car. It was alleged that somebody among the *Achaba* operators might have had misunderstanding with him, which resulted in instigating his burning to ashes by the mob.

Daily Champion gathered that, all efforts by the taxi driver to free himself from the attack was defeated as he was over powered and bungled into his car, which they set ablaze. Similarly, after realising that the man had been burnt they took to their heels.

Taxi drivers, who stormed Government House in

droves told the Head of Service, Alhaji Zakariya Rabi'u, that they want government to unravel the killers of their colleagues.

Speaking further, the Police Public Relations Officer

(PPRO), explained that the man damaged rear light of one of the *okada* riders, who immediately mobilised his colleagues to attack the boy.

The Kano State Chairman of cab drivers, Mallam

Sani Hussaini Jingiri, has appealed to government to do everything it could do to bring the killers of their member to book so that this will serve as deterrent to others.

Lagos re-deploy judges

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UNEASY calm on Monday pervaded Lagos High Court, Ikeja, following the re-deployment of Judges to other divisions of the High Court by the Chief Judge of Lagos State, Justice Inumidun Akande.

This is as some judges have started the process of handing and taking over of offices.

The CJ in a circular with reference number CJL/JUD/006 Vol. VII/73 and sent to all Judges in Lagos State, said the posting will take effect from April 12, 2010. Also the circular made it clear that the office of the Administrative Judge in the four divisions of Lagos has been abolished and will only have a Head Judge.

"For the more convenient dispatch of business, the Hon. Justice Ayo Phillips shall sit in the Lagos division of the Lagos State

Judiciary to perform her judicial functions and shall in addition perform other administrative duties that may be delegated to her by the Chief Judge. She is here by designated to be the Head Judge and shall now be addressed as the Head Judge in that capacity as so designated," the circular reads

The CJ also directed that the affected judges are to still carry along their heard matters with them to their former or new divisions and supporting staffs attached to the Judges were also given the option of moving with them or stay behind in their present courts with the new Judge, while their posting will be effected later to redress any imbalance that may occur.

She also stated that the Judges should take advantage of the Easter vacation, which is commencing from April 5 -11 to move to their various

new postings, so that court proceedings and chamber's work will not be disrupted.

Some of the Judges affect include, Justice Joseph Oyewole, who jailed Chief Olabode George and 5 others that are no longer in the Criminal Law division but had been moved to the Family and Probate division in Ikeja, Justice Hakeem Abiru was also moved from Ikorodu division to take over from Justice Oyewole court and chamber in Ikeja to handle criminal matters.

Also, Justice Mufutau Olokoba, Justice Morenike Obadina, Justice Kudirat Jose, Justice Mojisola Dada, Elfreda William-Dawodu, Justice Oshodi among others who were formally in Ikeja division were moved to Lagos, Ikorodu and Badagry divisions respectively while the Judges in Lagos and the other two divisions were moved to Ikeja.