

Hajj: Saudi Arabia deploys 4,000 man anti-terrorism forces

Saudi Arabia has deployed a 4,000-man anti-terrorism special security force to ensure a peaceful and successful conduct of the 2010 Hajj.

Correspondent in Saudi Arabia for the Hajj reported that adequate security measures have been put in place in Makka and Madina the two major cities where millions of pilgrims are expected to be based.

Prince Mohammad Naif, Assistant Minister of Interior

for Security Affairs, said Saturday in Makka that the officers were battle ready to manage security during and after the Hajj.

He said that 385 vehicles with modern communication equipment had been made available to ensure the safety and orderliness of pilgrims during the Hajj.

The minister urged pilgrims to cooperate with security officers by reporting any suspicious character to security agencies for prompt

action.

He said that all hands were on deck towards ensuring peaceful conduct of the Hajj operation and urged officers and men of the security units to put in their best.

"We have done it before and we will do it again with our competent and dedicated officers," he said.

About 95,000 Nigerians, many of whom are already in the Holy Land, are expected to perform this year's Hajj.

Man kills neighbour over sex romp

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A middle-aged butcher yesterday in Lagos State allegedly stabbed his neighbour to death for disrupting a sex romp with a teenager.

The suspect, who is currently on the run had stabbed the victim in the neck causing him to bleed to death within minutes and throwing the neighbourhood into a rage.

The victim, according to sources in the neighbourhood died at about 12.30 am Sunday after struggling in vain to shout for help from neighbours.

The incident, which has been reported to the Igando Police Station happened at a the victim's brother's house at Kolawole street, off Isuiti road, Egan, a village close to Igando.

Eye witnesses told *Daily Champion* that trouble started when the suspect, who was said to have brought the teenage girl home late in the night started having loud quarrels with his quest despite repeated complaints from his neighbours.

The victim, who was the younger brother of the owner of

the house was said to have gone to caution the butcher and his love bird once again when the suspect confronted him with a sharp dagger and sliced his throat.

The victim, eye witnesses said, bled to death in minutes while his assailant mounted his motorbike and disappeared, abandoning his girlfriend who is currently helping the Igando District Police Station with useful information.

Brothers to the victim and the fleeing assailant are also helping the Police in their investigations. The Police waded into the matter following a midnight response to a distress call from the neighbours who promptly mounted a vain search for the suspect same night.

Neighbours said the deceased was a diligent and hardworking young man who recently graduated from an apprenticeship from his trainer who was seen crying uncontrollably at the scene of the incident.

The suspect, on the other hand, was described by neighbours as notorious

for his cantankerous and randy escapades in the neighbourhood.

The Policemen our reporter met at the scene at the early hours of Sunday refused to address anybody even as they took the body of the deceased away.

There has been a past incident in the same area when a woman was killed and her body chopped into pieces, packaged in a bag and dumped along a street off the main Isuiti road.

There are also several reports of gang rape of girls in several uncompleted buildings in the area.

Contacted on the issue, spokesman of Lagos State Police Command, Mr. Frank Mba said: "Can't say anything now because I don't have details of the incident."

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