

One killed, 2 hospitalised after area boys' attack

A youth, Aminu Yahaya Mai Doya and two of his brothers seriously injured after an attack on them by area boys popularly called Yandaba at Panteka market in Tudun Wada, Kaduna.

The fracas, according to one of the brothers of the deceased, Abubakar Musa, started Monday from a fight between two persons at the popular market from which Aminu Yahaya Mai Doya was injured and later died.

His brothers, Ibrahim Yahaya Mai Doya and Bashir Yahaya Mai Doya, in the process of avenging his death, sustained serious injuries and are now recuperating at Barau Dikko Specialist Hospital and Yusuf Dantsoho Hospital Tudun Wada respectively.

The witness said the deceased was involved in a fight with a member of Yandaba and got wounded in his neck. He was said to have gone to the nearby Metro police station to report the incident, but the police instead of arresting the other party, told him to go and attend to his injuries.

However, events took another turn in the evening as six members of the gang regrouped, and pounced on him with daggers, cutlasses and sharp ~~knives~~ and inflicted serious injuries on him.

He later went to sleep with the injuries, and died the next morning. The mattress he slept on was said to have been soaked with his blood. He was buried the same morning.

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His enraged brothers went immediately to the Metro police station to report the development, but the police failed to take any decisive action. Even when one of the deceased brothers, Ibrahim Yahaya, now on admission at Barau Dikko Specialist Hospital, got hold of one of the culprits, the police failed to intervene, which emboldened other thugs to descend on him. By the time bystanders

intervened, he was already badly wounded.

Bashir met the same treatment when he attempted to rescue his brother as he also suffered several cuts.

The DPO of Metro police station later sent eleven policemen who were said to be visibly afraid to effect any arrest of the culprits. But some soldiers later came to arrest two of the gang members, Sani Ganjar and Labani, while the others fled.

The police public relations officer, Aminu Aliyu, said he was not aware of the incident.

Fuel scarcity persists in Jos

Five days after the suspension of the strike by the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) over the hike in the prices of petroleum products, most motorists in Jos still buy the commodity at black market rate of N130 per litre.

A visit to most of the filling stations showed that most of the major marketers are yet to start selling fuel.

When our correspondent went round the Jos metropolis, only one major market filling station was seen selling fuel and at N75 per litre instead of N70, with the claim that the product was an old stock.

A major marketer in Jos, Alhaji Adamu Garba, blamed the situation on inadequate supply of the petroleum products following the strike.

The chairman of the Independent Marketers Association of Nigeria, IPMAN, Plateau state, Ibrahim Adamu, said after the strike was called off on Sunday, loading was to commence on Monday at

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various points, including Port Harcourt, Calabar and Lagos and that it was yet come to Jos.

"Loading is concentrated on the immediate environment of most of these points before it gets to Jos. Before we start to see changes, it may be Friday, Saturday or Monday," the IPMAN chairman added.

Mallam Jamilu of the Department of Petroleum Resources also described the situation as a teething problem, assuring that 'the consignment will arrive in Jos any moment from now'.

Meanwhile, the Plateau state chapter of the Nigeria Labour Congress has ordered all marketers to revert to the old prices.

The NLC state's chairman, Kemi Nshe, who gave the directive in Jos, said efforts were being made to ensure that all prices inflated as a result of the increase in the Value Added Tax were reverted to their former prices.

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