

5 persons feared killed in Kabba fracas

At least five persons, among them a teenage girl, have been confirmed dead in Kabba in Kogi State.

Trouble broke out in Iyaode area, our source said, during the Oro festival, an event

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meant for only indigenes to watch with eyes open.

It was gathered yesterday that those at Iyaode were considered slaves who were not supposed to watch Oro

festival with their eyes open.

According to source, those considered slaves in this year's Oro festival said they too had a stake in the event claiming not to be slaves.

In the ensuing fracas, guns were freely used with a

teenage girl, who was running for safety from the troubled area, caught by a stray bullet.

A senior police officer, Mr. Sunday Ilemona, said the police have taken control of the troubled area, but refused to confirm the number of

casualties.

An unconfirmed source said some people who were passing through Kabba at the time of the incident were held for several hours as non indigenes were not expected to see the yearly festival.