

Labourers' clash leaves one dead in Abuja

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A clash between two different factions of casual labourers of a Chinese construction firm in Abuja left one person dead and two others wounded.

The labourers clashed at the construction site of the company located in Bwari Area Council.

A witness, Taofiq K. Mohammed, said he works together with the deceased, Ismail Hussein, with a company hired by the Chinese firm for some civil engineering works.

He said a group of casual labourers working with the Chinese firm broke into his office at about 10am on March 10, and vandalised the items inside and beat up all the people inside before they fled.

"We ran out at different directions to save our lives but I and Hussein went to hide beneath a nearby bridge to escape the rampaging gang. They kept throwing pebbles at us until I passed the bridge and hid behind a tree. Hussein jumped into the river and the gang traced and stoned him to death," he said.

He said the labourers searched and located him with

the help of the local people around but he was rescued by policemen. He sustained injuries in his leg his other colleague sustained fracture.

Body of the deceased was drowned in the water and could not be found until the next day.

A senior police officer at the Divisional Police Headquarters in Bwari said four labourers have been arrested in connection with the killing and the matter was transferred to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) for more investigation. The body of the deceased was found in the river.