

3 killed, 30 trucks burnt in Ogun

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A disagreement between two men over a prostitute provoked a violent clash at

the cement town of Ibese in Ogun State yesterday, leaving at least three persons dead.

Also, 30 trucks, three motorbikes and a car were burnt in the incident which

happened near the Dangote Cement Factory in the early morning hours.

The cement factory is one of Africa's largest, owned by billionaire businessman Aliko Dangote.

A witness told *Daily Trust* by telephone that the violence started when the two Hausa men fought over a prostitute and one stabbed the other to death.

But this led to rumours

that a Yoruba man was killed by a Hausa man, triggering further violence.

"It was a fight between two Hausa boys, one stabbed his friend to death because of misunderstand-

ing caused by a commercial sex worker," said the witness, who said he lives in the area but did not give his name.

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started circulating that a Hausa man killed a Yoruba, which was not true. This provoked some local youths into launching an attack in which some people were killed.

"I personally can confirm three bodies though some were saying it was more than that and about 40 wounded. Four cars belonging to Dangote and some of his staff have been set on fire.

"Many people have already fled the area to neighbouring countries. As I am talking to you, I am at the border trying to cross to Benin Republic," the witness added.

When newsmen visited Ibese yesterday, the town was deserted while riot policemen were seen at strategic points.

Police authorities confirmed the incident but not the casualties recorded.

Spokesman for the Ogun police command, Muiyiwa Adejobi, told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) that the crisis started when two men disagreed over who the true customer of the prostitute was.

A NAN correspondent reported that at least 30 articulated vehicles were still burning as at the time of visit to the town yesterday.

A witness told NAN that several persons who sustained injuries during the clash had been taken to undisclosed hospitals. The source said that three persons also lost their lives in the crisis.

However, Adejobi, who denied that three persons died, said that the crisis escalated because it was not well managed by leaders in the area.

"The Commissioner of Police, Mr Ikemefuna Okoye, and other top members of the force had visited the area. As we speak, the area has been fortified with the deployment of more policemen. Residents of the area have nothing to worry about as we are on top of the situation," Adejobi said.

To forestall possible attack on Dangote Cement Factory located in the area, an armoured personnel carrier was placed in front of the factory.

A traditional ruler, the Bada of Ijako Orile, Sikiru Akinsola, urged the state government to provide more security in the community as the incident was the second of its kind in two months.



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