

When a 'peacemaker' was butchered to death at Mabushi

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A labourer at the Mabushi extension was recently butchered to death when he attempted to settle a dispute over a shirt allegedly stolen by a friend from another part of the community. Micheal Nangall, 22, a labourer of no fixed address was allegedly killed when a group of labourers engaged in a bloody confrontation over the ownership of the shirt.

According to an eye witness, Mohammed Ibrahim, the fight started over the shirt which was picked up by another labourer in a part of Mabushi extension who used it to cover his head while doing his work.

The man was later challenged by a 55-year old man and his son,

who accused him of stealing the shirt.

"When he tried to explain to them how he got it, they attacked him and then made a call to their friends, who are also labourers. Suddenly, the people that were invited came with their knives, cutlasses, shovels and matchets. The fight became more violent, they were attacking the boy accused of stealing the shirt with dangerous weapons. While this was going on, policemen at Mabushi was informed about the fight," the witness added.

He added that when one Samson Kassam and the victim, Micheal Nangall, who were friends with the boy accused of stealing the shirt attempted to stop the assault, they were

also attacked and injured in the process. While Kassim escaped with injuries, Nangall died in the process.

A police source informed our reporter that when the police got the information, they immediately went to the scene.

"We rescued three victims, four suspects were arrested including a man and his son as well as two other people, who were also labourers. The three victims were rushed to Maitama General Hospital, where they received treatments, but the hospital did not attend to Micheal Nangall because of the seriousness of the injury on his skull and instead referred him to National Hospital where he later died," he said.

One of the suspects, currently in detention said that the shirt belonged to his son and that they had been looking for the person, who stole it for a while.

When contacted, Mabushi Divisional Police Officer, Superintendent Stanley Imo, confirmed the incident and stated that they were treating the case as that of culpable homicide.

He attributed the violent confrontation to the constant smoking of hard drugs by the labourers.

"When some of the suspects were arrested, wraps of Indian hemp were discovered in their pockets," he said.

He said investigation is on to find out whether there were more persons involved in the fracas.