

Five killed, 20 injured in pro-Biafra protests

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CONTINUING protests in some cities in the South East over the detention of the Director of Radio Biafra, Nnamdi Kanu, yesterday turned bloody as four members of the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) and a lady, were allegedly killed by soldiers in Onitsha.

But the Inspector General of Police (IGP) Solomon Arase yesterday warned

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pro-Biafra protesters to steer clear of breaching the public peace in the course of advancing their cause or face the full wrath of the law. He charged commissioners of police in the zone to enforce the law as appropriate.

Meanwhile, suggestions as to how the protests can be

ended continued with the youth wing of the socio-cultural Igbo organisation, Ohánaeze Ndigbo, challenging the Federal Government to implement the resolutions of the 2014 National Conference which they said would bring the agitation for Biafra to an end.

Business activities and vehicular and pedestrian traffic were brought to a standstill for several hours in Onitsha as most markets, banks, schools and other establishments were shut down to avoid being torched by the protesters. An eyewitness said also that the Central Mosque, a

tanker laden with fuel and, four vehicles were burnt while bonfires were made at various locations.

A source explained that information alleging the killing of the IPOB members on Tuesday at the Onitsha end of the Niger Bridge sparked the violent protest.

He further said the lady victim was shot dead by soldiers on patrol at the busy Onitsha/Owerri Road while she was going about her own business.

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