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One dies in Isi-Uzo



ONE person has been reported killed as violence marred Christmas festivities at Umuodu Umuogwu village in Isi-Oroto Isi-Uzo Local Government Area of Enugu State.

The deceased, identified as Johnson Uche Abonyi was allegedly butchered to death by some persons for reasons yet to be ascertained.

It was gathered that following Abonyi's death, angry villagers revolted and burnt a car belonging to one of his assailants.

The prompt intervention of policemen from the Isi-uzo Division stopped the escalation of the violence.

Spokesman of Enugu State Police Command, Ebere Amaraizu, who

confirmed the report, said the police have arrested four suspects in connection with the incident.

According to Amaraizu, the deceased allegedly met his death when one Christopher Agada accompanied by Godwin Agada, Francis Agada and Joseph Okoro, suspected to be serving military personnel led an assault against him for a yet to be identified reason / reasons.

He said the victim was butchered with machete on his chest and he bled to death.

Amaraizu disclosed that four of the suspects had been apprehended and they are assisting the operatives in their investigations while the corpse of the deceased

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had been deposited at Ikem General Hospital for autopsy.

He said the police recovered a machete, two expended cartridges and one small knife, from the suspects who are now undergoing interrogation.

In another development, men of the Nigerian Police at Oji River Area Command have nabbed three suspects for allegedly engaging in money ritual and obtaining by fraud (419). Amaraizu gave the names of the suspects as Ajah Ogbozor Festus, suspected to be a ritualist, Precious Face Ajah, a female and suspected fake doctor as well as

Ajah Solomon. They were nabbed on December 23 at Umuonopu village, Obune Inyi in Oji River Enugu State following a complaint against them. Recovered from the suspects are a rap of weeds suspected to be Indian hemp, syringes, some drugs suspected to be gynecological drugs, drug written postinor, one piriton expectorant linctus drugs, red and white cloths, one rainbow incense among others. Also, men of Oji River Division of the Nigeria Police Force have nabbed a notorious suspected kidnapper/ murderer who has been on the wanted list of the operatives over his

nefarious activities. Before his arrest, the suspect had been on the run after his alleged involvement in a kidnap case of one Veronica Ogugor of Orjinator Ugwuoba Oji River Enugu State on June 26 and the murder of one Fredrick Onwuka of Nkpogu village. The suspect who gave his name as one Chukwuka Uzoma of Nkpogu village Ugwuoba allegedly committed the above mentioned crime and ran to Lagos where he spent some months but unknown to him, he was being trailed by the police. He was eventually arrested when he returned home for Christmas and is now helping the police in their investigations.