

20 arrested in fresh Kaduna crisis

UNCERTAINTY enveloped the Kaduna metropolis yesterday following reports of fresh outbreak of sectarian crisis in Saminaka, Lere Local Government Area of the state.

Already, no fewer than 20 people have been arrested by the police over the unrest during which a prison was broken into and inmates 150 freed. About 150 police and soldiers have been deployed to the town to restore peace.

Confirming news of the clash to reporters, one person was feared killed.

The police spokesperson, Said Yahaya said normalcy has returned to the town as people are now going about their businesses peacefully without any molestation.

"The police have made 20 arrests and they will soon be arraigned in the court of law. The Federal Prison that was broken into has also been secured and all is in order within the town and its environs. All is now calm in the town", said Yahaya.

Crisis broke out in the

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town when Muslim fundamentalists reportedly engaged in heated argument on the desirability or otherwise of Mandiri music in Islam.

While some said the religion tolerates that genre of music, others sharply disagreed.

An eyewitness said members of one sect said the Prophet Mohammed (SAW) was against it while a member of the other sect reportedly asked who the prophet is to stop Mandiri music in Islam.

This altercation inflamed passions and a fight broke out.

One of those involved in the row was seized and taken to the district head for appropriate punishment accordingly but sensing danger, the Alkali (district head) was said to have referred the case to the police seeing that he could no longer guarantee the safety of the man in view of the crowd which thronged the palace.

The man was eventually kept in the cell by the police.