

Pandemonium as Abuja residents clash

• Police arrest one, meet monarchs

THERE was unrest at the Third Avenue, Gwarinpa area of the Federal

Capital Territory (FCT), Abuja, due to a recent clash between Hausa and Gbagyi residents.

Trouble was said to have started after hoodlums comprising mostly tricyclists and alleged drug dealers allegedly invaded the home of a politician with intent to rob him.

The invasion, a source said, triggered some indigenous Gbagyi people, who went after the culprits believed to be mainly Hausas.

The indigenes, according to the eyewitness, started chasing Hausa people away from the community which led to confrontation.

**From Gbenga Omokhunu,
Abuja**

The source said: "That was how the confrontation started and it led to the death of some of them before the military came and calmed everything down. But as I am talking to you now, the military, I think they all left again. That was when this second phase started.

"The Hausa guys came from nowhere and started bashing cars. They bashed over 30 cars, like the windows and all.

"After they did that, the indigenes came out in large numbers; all of them had wounds on their hands. As I am talking to you right now, they are moving up to 2nd Avenue. That they are going to the market to chase out all the Hausa guys."