

Vice Chancellor, University of Ibadan, Professor Isaac Adewole (right), discussing with the Oyo State Commissioner for Police, Mohammed Indabawa, during a courtesy visit by the latter to the VC's office, on Thursday. PHOTO: OLUWATOYIN MALIK.

Anti riot policeman kills one, injures another in Lagos

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ONE person was on Saturday afternoon shot dead and another severely injured by a mobile policeman on duty in Ajah area of Lagos State.

The deceased person, simply identified as Gboko was until the incident a member of the Ajah Boys group involved in the crisis rocking the ancient community.

The unidentified policeman was a member of the anti riot team drafted to Ilaje area of Ajah to douse the tension of an impending clash between rival hoodlums from Ajah and Ilaje.

It was gathered that the deceased and the injured victim had confronted the policemen when one of them opened fire on them, killing one instantly.

A resident of the area, who simply identified himself as Femi while speaking with the *Nigerian Tribune* stated that problem started when some hoodlums from the Ilaje

group abducted a member of their rival group in Ilaje.

He continued that the news of the abduction got to his colleagues, who mobilised and attempted to rescue him from the Ilaje Boys, when policemen

were drafted to the scene.

"Tension got heightened, when the Ajah Boys allegedly attempted to attack the policemen, accusing them of supporting the Ilaje Boys to attack them."

When contacted, the image maker in charge of the state police command, Ngozi Braide claimed not to be aware of the incident but promised to find out and get back to our correspondent.

Poor GSM services may persist —Reps Communication Committee chair

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THE Chairman, House of Representatives Committee on Communications, Mr Oyetunde Ojo, has said that the poor telecommunication services may persist in the country following what he referred to as "incessant damage of Global System Telecommunication (GSM) equipment, theft, vandalism and activities of terrorists."

Ojo, who made this known while speaking with newsmen in Ikole-Ekiti at the weekend. He explained that incessant damage to the companies' service stations

remained "a great problem that must be tackled by all and sundry in the country" if services must improve.

The lawmaker, who is representing Ekiti Central Federal Constituency II at the National Assembly on the ticket of All Progressives Congress (APC), said poor network services would persist "except the rampant cases of robbery, vandalism, fire and bombing of these stations are checkmated."

He urged Nigerians to see telecommunication equipment as critical national infrastructure like those of the Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) for

improved service in the sector, saying "if Nigerians see vandals or robbers within the premises of any PHCN equipment, they will quickly raise the alarm because nobody wants darkness, but this is not so in the case of communication equipment."

According to him, "some of these stations are still being vandalised or robbed by criminals. So we want to charge our people to continue to treat all these masts and other equipment as critical national infrastructure to help improve the activities of the telecommunication service providers."