

CUTLASS-WIELDING YOUTHS BOMBARD IBADAN KIDNAPPERS' DEN

• SPLASH FM REPORTER ATTACKED

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CUTLASS wielding youths on Sunday morning stormed the newly discovered kidnappers' den in Soka area of Ibadan, Oyo State, threatening to pull down structures suspected to be hideouts of the kidnappers.


The youth in their hundreds, Nigerian Tribune gathered were bouyed by a call put through to them by one of their kidnapped relatives on Saturday evening. The captives according to sources were named as Lanre and Denku, who had been declared wanted for over six days now.

According to sources, the relatives connected themselves and set out to set free their brother who they claimed called them through the mobile phone of a new captive who was kidnapped on Saturday evening.

Some members of the family who spoke with the Nigerian Tribune under the condition of anonymity disclosed that their brother known as Lanre, a commercial motorcyclist, had been declared missing since last week. His motorbike according to them was thrown into Ogunpa river at the Soka end of the Lagos/Ibadan Expressway and since then, all attempts to locate him proved abortive.

However, one of his brothers informed that Lanre called them on Sunday morning to tell them he was still within the Soka area and had been hearing some conversation of the crowd visiting the area.

His call allegedly spurred his siblings who continued informing others that "he is still within the Soka area location," to continue the search effort.

One of his siblings who led the youths hinted that at a time, one of their captors spelt  him and was raining curses on him. Lanre's brother further noted that with their brother's communication, they were sure the kidnappers were still within the environment, but the timely intervention of security agents was able to save the situation.

Furthermore, the crowd was also annoyed with the discovery of a bowl of fresh soup dropped within the area, sensing a likely fresh attack.

Meanwhile, the den has continued to attract crowd as residents across Ibadan metropolis thronged the venue on sight seeing.

Splash FM presenter attacked

Meanwhile, a radio presenter with Ibadan based radio station- Splash FM, Bayo Faleke, was reportedly attacked when he visited the scene of the kidnappers' den on Sunday morning.

Faleke, it was learnt was machetted on his head while carrying out reportorial duties as rampaging youths stormed the scene, while his car was also reportedly damaged.

The radio presenter was taken to a private hospital somewhere around MKO Abiola way, Ibadan, where he was receiving treatment as of Sunday night.

Police probe Ibadan 'house of horror'

Nigerian police have opened a murder investigation into the matter.

Officers also rescued several people nearby who had been chained together and appeared severely malnourished.

When police searched the abandoned building - dubbed the "house of horror" by the media - they found skeletons, decomposing bodies, skulls and bones on bloodstained floors.

"Some seven malnourished human beings looking like living skeletons were also rescued in the bushes surrounding the building," police spokeswoman Olabisi Ilobanafor told AFP.

Woman killed in Oyo hotel

A middle aged woman, Mrs Taiwo Rasak, recently died in a mysterious manner in a guest house, in Oyo town, Oyo State.

Nigerian Tribune investigation revealed that Mrs Rasak was reportedly taken to a hotel, Victory Guest Inn, Akeetan, Iseke tuntun, off Ilora Road, on Friday around 9.05pm for a short rest with her lover, Mr Tunde Bello.

According to sources, after about 55 minutes, Mrs Rasak's lover checked out of the room without her. Few minutes after, the manager of the hotel went in to check the room, only to discover Mrs Rasak's undies spread on the bed.

Sources said the attendant went back to the room the second time, only to discover the lifeless body of Mrs Rasak in the bathroom, with the shower still running on her. On discovery, the manager rushed out and reported at the Ojongbodu Police Station.

The police came on Saturday morning to retrieve the corpse around 10.00am, and also discovered that her head, armpit and pubic hair had been shaved.

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