

Alabi wooed the girl and she agreed to his proposal. After the first sexual intercourse they had, it was learnt that the suspect gave the girl N200. When she also demanded for a handset, he gave her N1,500 to buy *i-tel* phone.

Four days after, they made love again. Both times were in September this year. But the grandmother of the girl was said to have noticed recently that she was showing signs of pregnancy. Though she denied, she secretly went to her lover to inform him. To her surprise, Pa Alabi demanded to know how she could be pregnant since he only had sex with

till the present time. I even take roofing jobs. I am very

looks as if he is very active? **Crime Reports** asked. Pa

day, she asked me to help her build a safe in which

and on one of the days she stopped to say hello to me, we had sex when I had an

Wobi-Ilobanator however said that the suspect would be charged to court.

## Hausa trader killed over revenue collection

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A Hausa trader hawking at Mbaise/Douglas road junction, identified as Saidu, was recently sent to the grave when some youths suspected to have come from Owerri Local Government, Imo State had a clash with some Hausa traders.

Trouble was said to have started early on the fateful morning when some youths from the one of the

villages in Owerri went to collect revenue from the the Hausa traders who were operating at the junction.

A heated argument reportedly ensued between Hausa men and revenue collectors as the youths insisted that the traders must pay levies on the place they were carrying out their businesses.

Report had it that a trader who insisted that he would not pay pulled out a

weapon and stabbed one of the youths. The youth was said to have retaliated by using a cutlass to inflict injuries on the trader.

The situation almost caused a stampede in Owerri as both traders and passersby ran helter shelter for their lives, with serious traffic that lasted hours along Douglas road by Mbaise road junction.

The ugly situation continued until a team of armed police men and sol-

diers were drafted to the scene to restore order, it was gathered.

Speaking with **Crime Reports**, the Vice Chairman of Arewa Consultative Forum (AFC), Imo State Chapter Alhaji Mohammad Abubakar Tola who confirmed the incident, pleaded with the revenue collectors to stop the attack and give peace a chance.

He said that Imo State had been a peaceful state,

urging them to sheathe their sword while he assured that whatever was the cause of the problem would be settled amicably between the Northern leaders and the Owerri indigenes.

When contacted the Imo State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Andrew Enwerem, said that he could not comment on the incident because he had not got details about the it.

old man are missing. This has made the front and the two sides of the laughter chamber to cave in. But Pa

truss informed the girl's grandmother who, in turn, told the girl's mother.

in contravention of law, Pa Muse replied that