

From left, bride's father, Deacon Adetunji Adeleke; groom's mother, Mrs Comfort James; new couple, Mr and Mrs Solomon Adeolu James; groom's father, Mr Samuel James and bride's mother, Mrs Felicia Modupeola Adeleke, during the couple's wedding ceremony, at Oritamefa Baptist Church, Total Garden, Ibadan, on Saturday. PHOTO: YEMI FUNSO-OKE

4 suspects arrested in Niger over communal crisis

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FOUR suspects have been arrested by the Police in Niger State in connection with the incessant cult war between Sauka Kahuta youths and their Barack Saleh counterparts, in Chanchaga Local Government Area of the State which led to the death of one person while many others sustained injuries.

Among the suspects being quizzed by the police operatives over their alleged involvement in the crisis were; Usman Abdullahi, Abdullahi D, Abdullahi Aminu and one other suspect whose name could not be ascertained as at the time of filing this report.

Sunday Tribune's findings revealed that trouble began few days ago when some youths at Barack Saleh launched an attack on the youth of Sauka Kahuta over superiority claims.

Further checks revealed that during the clash between the opposing cult

groups, a yet to be identified youth from Sauka Kahuta was reportedly killed by the rampaging Barack Saleh youths, thereby escalating the crisis between the two communities.

In a reprisal attack, the Barack Saleh youths allegedly mobilised their members on a revenge mission and inflicted injuries on innocent citizens during a free for all between the two

groups.

Confirming the incident, Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) Niger State Police Command, Mr. Bala Elkana, an Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) in an interview with *Sunday Tribune* at the weekend, in Minna, said police quickly swung into action with a view to bringing the situation under control.

"The immediate inter-

vention of the police led to the arrest of four suspects believed to have been actively involved in the crisis while investigation was still on going to get some of the fleeing suspects who were indicted in the crisis arrested", said Elkana.

He stated further that patrol and surveillance has been intensified by the police in the affected areas in order to forestall a recurrence of the ugly incident.

Why we upgraded our nursing school —Oyo govt

By SADE OGUNTOLA

THE Oyo State government has said that the upgrading and re-accreditation of its college of Nursing and Midwifery was to ensure that it meets the increasing need for the training and building of manpower in the nursing profession in the State.

Permanent Secretary, Oyo State Ministry of Health, Dr Oluwayemisi

Iyiola, made the disclosure during his visit to the college's 2015/2016 entrance examination in Ibadan, on Saturday.

Iyiola, who declared that the College had about 1,600 applications but would admit both 100 students for nursing and midwifery trainings, assured that the College's re-accreditation was also part of Oyo State government's effort to ensure that more

students are admitted by the college for training.

The Permanent Secretary said the upgrading of the college was also to ensure that the college becomes a full degree awarding institution for nursing and midwifery education as stipulated by Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria, before 2020.

Iyiola stated that a branch of Oyo State College of Nursing and Midwifery at Kishi which will run basic midwifery courses has also been established and will start

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