



Two suspects arrested at the scene of the Hausa, Fulani clash in Agege, on Wednesday.



One of the victims receiving treatment

57-year-old American dies in hotel

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AN American, Charles Carlson, was on Tuesday, seen lifeless in his hotel room on Lekki Phase 1. The state police command has, however, described the death as 'sudden and unnatural.'

Lagos Metro gathered that the death of the American was rather 'mysterious.'

The foreigner was said to have been found dead at about 5:35pm.

Police detectives at the Maroko police station were alerted. The Divisional Police Officer, Abdulmajid had raced to the scene where the body of the dead was removed.

The state Commissioner of Police, Fatai Owooseni, has ordered full-scale investigation into the death.

Confirming the story, the spokesperson of state police command, Dolapo Badmos, a Superintendent of Police stated: "We received a situation report of a sudden and unnatural death of a foreign national today at about 5:35pm."

Vincent Owunke, a manager with Ellyx Vile hotel at no No 8 African line Lekki phase 1, reported that one of the guests, Charles Carlson, an American, aged 57years, died in the hotel.

He told detectives that they noticed that he did not come out for break fast. Telephone calls to his mobile and hotel intercom were not picked which prompted them to call his business partner.

"The door was forced open and he was found motionless."

"Detectives from Maroko division visited the scene and the corpse was evacuated to the mortuary."

"The Commissioner of Police, Owooseni, has directed the case to be transferred to homicide section of State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID) panti for discreet investigation," she stated.

NCS denies killing rice smuggler

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THE Federal Operations Unit, Zone A, of the Nigerian Customs Service (NCS) has denied shooting a rice smuggler and leaving him dead at Daleko, Mushin.

In a statement signed on Wednesday, by the spokesperson of the Federal Operations Unit (FOU), Zone A, Jerry Attah, made available to **Lagos Metro**, the NCS stated that, contrary to claims in some quarters, the said rice smuggler, Mr Sunday Umaru, was not shot and left to die in pains by men of his Service.

According to Attah, "On the August 30, 2016, at about 1325hrs, operatives of the Federal Operations Unit, while on a tip-off patrol, traced one **Mercedes Benz** Bus with registration Number KJA310XB, loaded with 100 bags of smuggled foreign parboiled rice from Sango area, in Ogun State, to Daleko, in Mushin."

"Before he was finally halted at Daleko, the driver was shouting and making comments that incited a mob action against the Customs officers."

"Obviously, he drove to where he could get his associates to help attack the Customs officers."

"Seeing the mob supporting him, he resisted lawful arrest and grabbed the rifle of an officer, struggling and attempting to disarm the operative."

"It was during this daring attempt that the rifle discharged, hitting his right shoulder. The other armed operatives fired shots in the air to disperse the mob."

2 killed as Hausa, Fulani clash

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TWO persons were, on Wednesday, killed and many others injured, as the Hausa community engaged their Fulani counterparts in Abattoir area of Agege over space rights.

Four people have since been arrested in connection with the incident, while the state police commissioner, Fatai Owooseni, had directed that a peace parley be held between leaders of the two communities.

The timely intervention of policemen from different units in the state prevented the clash from spreading to other parts of Agege as angry youths from the two warring groups went on rampage.

Properties belonging to opposing groups were vandalised by the warring youth, who were armed with cutlasses, broken bottles and other dangerous weapons.

Some of the residents, in the area stated that there had been a prolonged superiority battle between the Hausas and the Fulani in the Abattoir Market.

Some of them attributed the clash to the claim that the Hausas had alleged that the Fulani community in the area was in support of the officials of the Nigeria Railway Corporation, who dislodged some iron scrap

sellers, mostly Hausa youths, from the railway area.

The crisis was reportedly heightened, when an unidentified Fulani man allegedly beat up an Hausa girl who reportedly offended him.

A resident, Abdullahi, told **Lagos Metro** that "there had been questions on who had the upper hand between the two - Hausa and Fulani, but they had continued to manage the situation. There had never been a very serious clash between them."

He added that, "in the past, we have had quarrels between the Hausa and the Fulani, but we always found a way to resolve it before they became a big issue like this."

The resident also added that "the latest crisis was as a result of the anger from the displacement of some Hausa scrap sellers by officials of the Nigeria Railway Corporation."

He added that "the railway officials brought some rams and cow from the North and there was no where to offload them, so they evacuated some iron scrap sellers, occupying a large portion of land in the area"

"After the railway officials displaced them from the railway line area, they went to the **Seriki** Fulani to protest, but he expressed his helplessness and the

Hausa boys accused him of supporting the officials" another resident, Yakubu, said.

Yakubu, who insisted that more than 20 Fulani people were severely injured in the crisis, claimed that the Hausa people had accused one of them of beating a girl from their side.

He added that, "they only used the excuse that an Hausa girl was beaten. What really angered them was the refusal of the **Seriki** Fulani to give them the go-ahead to fight with the railway officials."

The image maker in charge of the state police

command, Dolapo Badmos, while speaking on the incident, stated that only one person had been confirmed dead, adding that four persons had been arrested in connection with the crisis.

The police spokesperson also said "members of the public and legitimate business owners in and around the abattoir at Agege, and by extension Lagos State, are advised to carry on with their activities, as the command is doing everything possible to ensure safety and security of lives and properties in the state."

UNILAG students remanded over alleged involvement in cultism

AN Ebute Metta Chief Magistrates' Court, on Wednesday, ordered the remand of four students of the University of Lagos (Unilag), over their alleged involvement in cultism.

The accused were: Raheem Yusuf (21), Adedoyin Abraham (24); Olanrewaju Idowu (36) and Oluymisi Peters (24).

The Chief Magistrate, Mrs Oluymisi Adelaja, gave the order that the accused should be remanded at the Ikoyi Prisons, pending when they would perfect their bail conditions.

The accused were

arraigned on a two-count charge bordering on conspiracy to cause a breach of peace and belonging to an unlawful and secret society known as "Aloral Bucaneers".

The prosecutor, Oladele Adebayo, told the court that the offences were committed on August 4, at about 9:30 a.m., at Room 318, Biobaku Hall, Unilag.

He alleged that the accused gathered themselves in the room and conspired to cause a breach of the peace and disturbed other members of the hall.

According to him, the offences contravened Sections 42(a), (b) and 99 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2011.

The accused, however, pleaded not guilty to the offences preferred against them.

Magistrate Adelaja admitted them to bail in the sum of N200,000 with two sureties each in like sum, who must provide evidence of proof of tax payment to the Lagos State government.

The case was then adjourned till September 26, for trial.