

Mr Ebere Amaraizu, Police Public Relations Officer, Enugu State Command (fourth from right, last row) in a group photograph with teachers and pupils who participated in reading competition organised by Early Reading Empowerment Initiatives.

# Tension in Enugu railway quarters over death of cult member

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RESIDENTS of Costain Railway Quarters Asata, Enugu are now living in fear following the death of a university undergraduate living in the area.

*Nigerian Tribune* learnt that the deceased, whose name was simply given as Chinedu was killed by an angry mob when he was allegedly caught red-handed when he allegedly, broke into a house through the window and robbed the occupant of her mobile phone and other valuable at about 2:30 am before luck ran out on him.

The suspect was said to have been nabbed earlier for similar thing within the neighbourhood and was said to have signed an undertaking that he would not involve in robbery activities within the quarters where he also resided with his parents.

Chinedu, who lived with his parents at No. 15A Watson Street of the same quarters, was abandoned after he was beaten to a level of unconsciousness, before his family members took him to an hospital where he was pronounced

dead.

Meanwhile, members of a cult group 'Ayes' popularly known as "2, 2" where Chinedu was said to be a top member have raided the quarters with gun, axes, machetes and threatened to kill anybody that was involved in the beating of their member that led to his death.

The cult group which draws its members from around the state, has burned and destroyed property of some residents who it believed participated in the beating of its member.

Reports said that the members of the group said they would not rest until they avenged the death of

their brother even as members of the cult group blocked all entrances to the quarters raided, destroyed and burned residents' property before taking to their heels.

Contacted, the State Police Public Relations Office, Ebere Amaraizu, said the matter has not been reported to the command.

## Enugu Assembly calls for fresh recruitment exercise of teachers

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MEMBERS of the Enugu State House of Assembly on Tuesday called for the re-conducting of the recruitment exercise of over 2000 primary school teachers to include those that were not given the opportunity to participate in the controversial exercise.

The resolution to reconduct the recruitment exercise followed recommendations contained in a report submitted to the House by the House Committee on Education, Science and Technology, charged with the responsibility of looking into the exercise.

It will be recalled that the

House had earlier moved for the outright annulment of the exercise as a result of complaints of irregularities and shoddy deals noticed during the exercise that took place in September conducted by the Enugu State Universal Basic Education Board, ENSUBEB.

The House resolved to mandate the Committee to carry out further investigation into the exercise after they had invited the management of ENSUBEB and Commissioner for Education but were not satisfied with their defence and explanations on how the exercise was conducted.

The Speaker, Edward Ubosi, had mandated the Committee to carry out the investigation and report to

the House within two weeks.

Among other things, the House Committee recommended that fair and equitable distribution of qualified candidates in the recruitment exercise in each local area should be observed and adhered to.

The report, which was presented by the House Committee Chairman on Education, Hon. Matthew Ugwueze, Igbo-Eze South, also submitted that qualified volunteer teachers should be considered for the recruitment.

Leader of the House, Hon. Ikechukwu Ezeugwu, thanked the House Committee on Education for the painstaking exercise.

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