

# 2 killed as Chinese/Hausa miners clash at mining site in Osun

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**A**BOUT two persons, on Tuesday, lost their lives in a battle of supremacy which ensued between Chinese and Hausa miners at Idooko village area in Obokun Local Government Area of Osun State.

The names of those who lost their lives were given as Kuang Zhang, a Chinese, and one Abdulhadi Musa, a

Hausa man.

*Nigerian Tribune* gathered that trouble started at about 4.30 p.m. when Chinese miners queried the Hausa miners why they were mining at the site.

It was learnt that before the arrival of the Chinese, some Hausa men were already exploring gold in the area, a development which infuriated the Chinese, who were escorted to the site by personnel of the Police Mo-

bile Force and some officers of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC).

The Chinese miners were said to have ordered the Hausa miners to vacate the site, stating that that the area was licensed to them for mining by the Federal Government and the Osun State government.

The refusal of the Hausa miners to vacate the site, however, snowballed into a clash in which shots were

fired, which then resulted in the death of the Chinese and the Hausa men.

It was further gathered that another Chinese man was beaten to the point of coma by Hausa people who mobilised themselves to the area.

It was learnt that a security escort who followed the Chinese to the area shot at a Hausa man, who is now nursing a bullet wound in the hospital.

The bodies of those who lost their lives had been deposited at the Wesley Guide Hospital, Ilesha, while those injured are also being attended to in the same hospital.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Yemisi Opalola, confirmed the incident.

She said it was the prompt intervention of the police that saved the situation from degenerating further.