

One killed in motor park free-for-all

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ONE person was feared killed when men suspected to be motor park touts engaged one another in a free-for-all at the Ojota New Garage on Friday.

Although the cause of the scuffle could not be ascertained as at press time on Sunday, our correspondent learnt that trouble started when one Chukwuma arrived the garage at about 6.30pm.

Chukwuma, a resident of Olatunji Street, Ojota, reportedly engaged one Nonso in a fight during which dangerous weapons were used.

Commercial activities were paralysed as commuters and petty traders in the park scampered to safety.

At the peak of the disagreement, 19-year-old Chukwuma reportedly stabbed Nonso with a broken bottle. ←

Nonso, who was said to be a tout working for a transport company based in the garage, died on the spot.

When contacted on the telephone on Sunday, the Police Public Relations Officer, Lagos State Command, Mr. Olubode Ojajuni, a deputy superintendent of police, confirmed the incident to our correspondent.

Ojajuni said when the leaders of the park reported the case at the nearest police station, policemen who were drafted to the scene

arrested the suspect.

He said the State Criminal Investigation Department, Panti Street, Yaba, was investigating the case.

The police spokesman added that the command was keeping a close watch

on the park to ensure that there was no reprisal attack.

He said the corpse had been deposited at the mortuary of the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital for autopsy.

Police recover five pistols from suspects in two days

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THE Lagos State Police Command, between Sunday and Monday last week, recovered five pistols and about 26 rounds of ammunition from armed robbery suspects at separate spots in the state.

Three suspects were also arrested in connection with the cases.

Our correspondent gathered that a team of anti-robbery policemen from Area 'C' police command while on stop-and-search at Ijora U-turn, on Sunday, arrested one Toib Zodiq inside an unmarked commercial bus.

When Zodiq was searched, one revolver pistol and five rounds of live ammunition were reportedly recovered from him. Also found on him were assorted charms.

On Monday, a report was made at Ketu Police Station that two men suspected to be armed robbers were seen boarding a bus at Ketu Motor Park.

As a result of the report,

policemen from the station went to the park and arrested one of the suspects, who was identified as lkechukwu Ogbonna.

When Ogbonna was searched, two locally made pistols and 20 rounds of live cartridges were recovered from him.

Also recovered were one big hammer and two chisels concealed in a bag.

On the same day, anti-robbery policemen attached to Surulere division while on foot patrol at Moshalasi under bridge, intercepted one Anthony Ogbani inside a taxi.

When he was searched, two pistols and one live cartridge were recovered from him. Ogbani was said to have made useful statement to the police.

The command's spokesman, Mr. Olubode Ojajuni, a deputy superintendent of police, confirmed the incidents to our correspondent on Sunday.

Ojajuni said the cases were being investigated.