

One feared dead as police, Hausa youths clash in Abuja

RIOT-policemen and Hausa youths on Monday clashed in Abuja, leaving one person feared dead.

The incident which took place at the Mabushi area of the Federal Capital Territory was said to have started when some youths, living in shanties within the area, prevented workers of the construction giant, Julius Berger Nigeria, from demolishing their huts along the yet-to-be constructed road in the area.

Others who live within the community include mechanics, bus operators, and other peasants.

An eyewitness account reported that the clash started when the youths barricaded the road and prevented the workers from pulling down some of their houses, which had long been marked for demolition.

The workers were forced to call in some policemen, who were overpowered by the numerical strength of the youths who lived in the area.

The policemen later mobilised in large numbers and invaded the communities where the youths lived.