

Fracas in Oba's palace —Two feared dead

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TWO persons were allegedly killed in Lagos on Tuesday when a fracas broke out at the palace of Oba of Oworo.

The incident, which was still being discussed by residents of the area as at the time of filing this report, came as a shock to many who witnessed it.

Although the exact cause of the fracas was not known as at press time, it was learnt that trouble started when a popular fuji musician, Saheed Osupa, was performing at an event.

Our correspondent gathered that one of the sons of the Oba of Oworo, Chief Idris Salihu, had organised a naming ceremony for his child.

At the ceremony, the fuji musician was invited to perform and the party reportedly started at about 3 p.m.

Soon after the musician began to play, we learnt, a disagreement broke out among his fans and this led to a free-for-all.

During the fight, it was learnt that assorted lethal objects such as knives, broken bottles, iron rods, planks and cutlasses were deployed. And although the incident was brought to the attention of the Police, some persons had already sustained fatal injuries.

The victims included two men who were later identified by their friends.

Between 8 p.m and 9 p.m., three persons reportedly went to the Police Station to officially report the incident.

They alleged that during the fracas, three men sustained serious injuries, and they gave the victims' names as Rilwan Olalere, Michael Afolayan and Ayodele Samuel, who were said to have been rushed to a hospital, while the dead were taken to a mortuary.

Spokesman for the Lagos State Police Command, Mr. Frank Mba, confirmed the incident to our correspondent on Wednesday.

Mba, however, said that only one person was seen by the Police to have been killed during the fracas.

He gave the name of the deceased as Tope Akande, a 21-year-old man whose corpse had been deposited at a mortuary.

According to Mba, the Police had made some arrests. These included Chief Salihu, the man at whose instance the party was organised.

Another suspect arrested was one Mr. Balogun Kayode, who was described as the head of the community's vigilance group.

The PPRO said the case was being investigated and added that if the need arose, the Police might arrest the fuji musician.