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## Food seller stabs boy over N100 debt

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**Relatives of the victim, taking him away**

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There was a mild disturbance on Wednesday at Herbert Macaulay Way, Central Business District, Abuja, after a food seller stabbed a boy over a N100 debt.

Many people in the area said the stabbing eventually led to the boy's death.

The incident led to the burning of a BMW car and it took the efforts of policemen and soldiers guarding the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation to prevent a breakdown of law and order in the area.

Trouble started when the woman, whose name could not be immediately ascertained, allegedly accosted the boy, simply identified as Nuhu over the debt. An argument was said to have ensued and the woman, in a fit of anger, stabbed the boy in the stomach with a knife.

The deceased was later taken away to an unknown destination by his friends.

An eyewitness, who identified himself as Abubakar, told *PUNCH Metro* that Nuhu shouted after being stabbed, slumped and was later reported dead. He said the victim's friends and other artisans moved to attack the woman. However, a man in the area rescued her.

Abubakar said, "The man prevented the boys from attacking the woman by taking her away to safety. The mob then destroyed the table and benches being used by the woman to sell food and placed it on top of the car which belonged to the man before setting it ablaze.

"By the time the police and fire fighters came, it was too late to save the car."

Our correspondent observed that the security operatives moved round the area and urged the mob to disperse. It was said the strategy was to prevent some of the mob, who are mostly jobless youths, from fomenting trouble.

The FCT Police Public Relations Officer, Altienne Daniel, could not be reached for comments as she did not respond to the calls to her phone.

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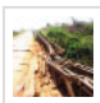
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