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Two arrested for tearing PDP's posters

HE police in Lagos have arrested two men for allegedly tearing campaign posters and defacing the banners of the state's governorship candidate of the Peoples Democratic Party, Jimi Agbaje.

The suspects, Fisayo Olomojobi, 29,

HE police in Lagos have arrested and Toheeb Okanlawon, 31, were said two men for allegedly tearing to have committed the act on Osborne campaign posters and defacing Road in the Ikoyi area around 2am.

They were arraigned before an Ebute Meta Magistrate's Court on counts bordering on unlawful damage and conduct likely to cause breach of the

peace.

While Okanlawon was arraigned on two counts, his accomplice was arraigned on three counts.

The charges read in part, "That you, Toheeb Okanlawon of Ewans Street, Lagos, in the Lagos State Magisterial District, did conduct yourself in a manner likely to cause the breach of the peace.

"That you, Fisayo Olomojobi, did unlawfully damage the PDP poster and banners by using paint to deface the governorship candidate's banners."

The police prosecutor, Iyobosa Onaiwu, said the offences were punishable under sections 337 and 106 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, Nigeria, 2011.

They pleaded not guilty to the offences.

The magistrate, F.J. Adefioye admitted them to bail in the sum of N100,000 and adjourned the matter till April 20, 2015.

sister, fire

"We suspect that the explosion was because kerosene was mixed up with petrol in the tank of the stove. This could be because the couple used the same keg to buy petrol and kerosene.

"It is very important for people to ensure that the keg they use in buying kerosene is not the same used for petrol.

"Again, when the fire in a cooking stove is to be put off, we must ensure the thread is completely out, and not for us to be using crude method of water or mouth to blow out the fire, which could cause an explosion," Fadipe added.

The spokesperson for NEMA, Ibrahim Farinloye, said the victims were with a couple in the area because of the elections, when a gas cooker exploded.

He said, "The children were in the area because of the election and wanted to seek refuge in the event that there was violence where they stayed with their parents. They were cooking when there was an explosion.

"The kids hid under the bed, but were burnt to death. Nobody knew they were there until somebody remembered that they were still in the house, but by then, it was too late."

He added that officials of the agency tried to salvage the situation, but it was too late. Afeez Hanafi

OME gunmen, said to be cult members, have created panic in Shitta.
Surulere, Lagos State, after unleashing terror on the residents.

The assailants, numbering five, reportedly stormed the neighbourhood in two jeeps and started shooting sporadically.

One Ete Williams was said to have been killed in the incident, while two others, identified as Danglish and Sir Feti, were injured by stray bullets.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the deceased was a member of Eiye confraternity, while his killers belonged to Aiye - a rival cult group.

It was gathered that the attack affected trading activities in the area, as some traders lost their wares while scampering for safety.

A resident, Azeez Aregbesola, said Williams was killed at a drinking joint called Medube where hoodlums and smokers reportedly converged on. He added that the police had been constantly raiding the joint.

Aregbesola said, "They (the gang) stormed here around 8pm on Thursday. We all ran helter-skelter. All of them wore black dress. They started shooting at the roundabout and headed for Medube, where Ete (Williams) was shot in the head. The police later came after the gang had left."

A trader, Mrs. Mariam Salako, said Danglish and Gunmen invade community, kill cult member



·Shitta area

Sir Feti were rushed to the Lagos University Teaching Hospital.

She said, "Stray bullets hit people in the legs. It was later in the evening that I went back to pack my

Another resident, Niyi Ismail, said if not for the police that curtailed criminal acts in the community, they would still be living in fear. He, however, cautioned them against frustrating innocent people.

He said, "It was Taju, Area C Commander, who assisted us to clear Medube. It used to be a dreadful place before. But the police have recently started harassing people. Once it is 8pm, they will start arresting anybody on the street, whereas some people will be returning from their places of work. They collect at least N5,000 before they release those they arrest. A friend of mine spent two days in the police station because he could not pay. They do the same at Ojuelegba."

Uzor Chinedu, a pop corn seller on Adebola Street, Surulere, said the police destroyed his glass in one of their raids.

Taofeeq Kolapo, who resides on Makinde Street, Ojuelegba, said Taju and his team would raid the area at 7pm and smash traders' wares.

He said, "By 8pm, everybody will be running helter-skelter, shouting Taju n'bo (Taju is coming)'. They are used to the bail fee they collect and at times, they raid as early as 7pm."

Photo: Afeez Hanafi

the claims that police were harassing traders and residents of the community.

He said, "Some masked men believed to be cultists went to the area and shot sporadically.

"One Ete Williams was killed, while six shells were recovered by the police from the scene of the incident.

"The Lagos State Command has zero tolerance for cultism.

"We raid on intelligence reports.

"Whoever is arrested must have been unable to identify himself. If we arrest