

before the court.
"I hereby sentence them to death by hanging for murder and armed robbery, while they are discharged for conspiracy."

I a woman who sold suspected adulterated liquor in the Oko Afo, Badagry area of the state, in connection with the death of a 16-year-

Oko Afo, reportedly died about an hour after drinking local gin.

PUNCH Metro learnt that one Olufunke had sent her

It was gathered that the seller gave Ngozi an extra gin in a nylon, which he drank while returning from the errand.

Explosion kills one in C' River building

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ONE person died on Tuesday after an explosion in a building in Adadama, in the Abi Local Government Area of Cross River State.

The explosion which occurred in a building housing many displaced persons near a vandalised police station in Adadama, was said to have also injured about 30 persons.

The people of Adadama and their Amagu neighbours in the Nko LGA of Ebonyi State have for several years been engaged in violent fights over a parcel of farmland that had claimed several lives and displaced

many families.

An indigene of Adadama, Mr. Richard Eroko, told *PUNCH* Metro on Wednesday, that the man killed in the explosion was identified as Mr. Enya Egwa of Etani clan.

He alleged that the explosive device was suspected to have been planted in the building by their Amagu neighbours in a renewed hostility.

Eroko said, "The explosion that took place on Tuesday, December 13, 2016, in Adadama town claimed the life of Mr. Enya Egwa of Etani clan and it injured several others. The explosion happened in the early hours of the day at a building close to a vandalised police station near the boundary

between Adadama community and Amagu community of Ebonyi State.

"The injured victims have all been taken to hospitals for treatment. The bomb was planted by the Amagu people who have been attacking, abducting and terrorising the people of Adadama over some parcels of land."

Eroko alleged that several Adadama indigenes had been killed in the wake of the renewed hostilities which had been raging since 2013 despite several peace initiatives by authorities in both states.

But the state Commissioner of Police, Mr. Jimoh Ozi-Obeh, said he was not aware of the latest development.

Ozi-Obeh said, "I am not aware of the development."

However, one of the youth leaders in the community, Mr. Francis Eke, said the incident had been reported to the police.

Eke explained that the number of injured persons was high because the people had been sleeping together in large numbers in buildings since the renewed hostilities started.

"We live in groups and in the house where the explosion took place, there were over 30 persons. The people did not suspect that there was any explosive in the house until it exploded. We have reported the matter to the Cross River State Police Command," he said.