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A Magistrates' Court in Minna, Niger State, has ordered the remand of a 20-year-old housewife, Zulai Kabiru, standing trial for allegedly killing her eight-months-old step daughter.

The accused is standing trial on a count of culpable homicide, contrary to Section 221 of the Penal Code Law,

Housewife remanded for killing eight months old step

the *News Agency of Nigeria* reports.

The magistrate, Ramatu Adamu, did not take the plea of the accused on the ground that the court lacked the jurisdiction to hear the matter.

The magistrate directed the police to forward the case file to the State

Director of Public Prosecution for legal advice.

She ordered the accused to be remanded in prison and adjourned the matter till November 6, for further mention.

Earlier, the Police prosecutor, Mr

Emmanuel Ogiri told the court that the accused's husband, Kabiru Labbo of Danauta village in Mariga Local Government, reported the matter at Bangi Divisional Police station on September 9.

Ogiri alleged that Zulai, while

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Hoodlums kill one, injure scores during Lagos APC primary

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THERE was a pandemonium in the Kosofe, Epe and Lagos Island areas of Lagos State on Thursday as hoodlums loyal to some aspirants of the All Progressives Congress opened gunfire on some residents and party members.

PUNCH Metro gathered that while no fewer than seven people, including a former chairmanship aspirant, Ibrahim Mustapha, were injured in Kosofe, one person was killed and about 10 injured in A4 polling unit in Epe.

The deceased was identified as 30-year-old Idris Alooma. Many were reportedly injured in the fracas on the Lagos Island.

On Thursday, the APC held primary election for aspirants seeking the party's tickets into the House of Representatives.

Election was not held for the senatorial tickets because former candidates were reportedly returned unopposed.

Our correspondent learnt that trouble started at Ward F, Ikosi-Isheri, Kosofe, when some supporters of the Senator representing Lagos East Senatorial District, Gbenga Ashafa, started singing that he was unopposed.

Supporters of Ashafa's major

contender, Bayo Oshinowo, aka Pepper, who were at the unit and felt slighted by the song, were reported to have taken offence.

Oshinowo was allegedly disqualified by the APC National Working Committee.

A witness, who asked not to be identified, said the fight started around 11.30am.

He said, "Supporters of Ashafa at the unit were only there to affirm his mandate. They were chanting, 'Ashafa unopposed'."

"Those supporting Pepper left the polling unit. By the time they returned, they were armed to the teeth and started shooting. The thugs were led by one Arikuyeri."

"After they were done, they raided Mile 12, Ikosi Isheri, Agboyi Ketu, and other areas under the Kosofe Federal Constituency. They went on the rampage for about two hours, shooting and destroying property. The area is still tense. Some of those injured have been admitted in a hospital."

Another witness claimed that the violence lasted for more than three hours.

He noted that innocent residents, who were caught in the melee, got injured while fleeing.

"The hoodlums were brought in 17 buses. They chased away people who wanted to vote,

cluding elderly women. They tacked those who resisted. Some people fell into ditches while running away," he added. The witness claimed that the former chairmanship aspirant, Mustapha, who was admitted to private hospital, was hacked with machetes in the head. "He was attacked on Adebayo okuolu Street, Anthony village, Kosofe. The thugs ased and cornered him. They it him with machetes. It took intervention of passersby,

who carried him to a hospital.

"He was initially rushed to two nearby hospitals, but he was rejected before he was taken to where he was admitted," he said.

One of the thugs, identified as Nokia, while escaping on a motorcycle, allegedly left a bag containing machetes and guns.

The *News Agency of Nigeria* reported that Alooma was killed in Epe by thugs who wanted to disrupt the electoral process.



Some of the victims



Photos: Samson Folarin

A witness, Mr Akeem Lawal, said the killing happened around 4.15pm after the election while some members were awaiting the announcement of the result.

He said when the hoodlums were informed that the election was not in favour of their

candidate, they mobilised on motorcycles and invaded the polling unit.

Lawal said the hoodlums shot continuously, which led to the death of the victim.

"The gang was led by one Sabano," he said.

A NAN reporter who monitored the election reported that some aggrieved youths set houses and vehicles ablaze across Epe communities.

Trader nabbed on adulterated alcoholic

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OPERATIVES of the Lagos State Police Command have arrested a trader, Emmanuel Nwodu, for allegedly dealing in adulterated alcoholic drinks in the Iju area of the state.

The 38-year-old suspect was reportedly caught with chemicals suspected to be ethanol and other materials used in producing the fake drinks.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, CSP Chike Oti, said Nwodu was arrested at Mosalashi Market, Agege.

He noted that when interrogated, the suspect confessed to the crime.

He said, "The suspect was arrested by a police team led



• Nwodu

by the Divisional Police Officer, Pen Cinema Police Division, SP Pius Edobor.

"He was caught with two cartons of alcoholic drinks suspected to be adulterated. On interrogation, the suspect confessed that he produced the drinks in his one room shop at Mosalashi Market, Agege.

"He later led operatives to the shop where he concealed

Residents protest government insensitivity

Residents of a community in Lagos State are protesting against the government's insensitivity towards them, saying that the government has failed to provide basic amenities and services to the community.