

Fresh protest in Abuja goes violent

From Molly Kileto, Abuja

• 2 killed, others injured, tricycles burnt

FRESH protests erupted in Abuja yesterday leading to the death of two persons.

The latest protest in Orozo, a satellite town in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), came barely 24 hours after motor-cycle operators, popularly known as Okada, carried out a violent protest at Karshi, a satellite town on Sunday.

An eyewitness told Daily Sun that trouble started after youths of the town, worried about the reckless way tricycle operators parked in the area, approached them and advised that they park properly to avoid creating accidents.

"The youths advised traders selling bread, fruits, food stuffs and other items by the roadside to relocate further inside to make the road clearer. While most of the keke riders accepted the advice from the youths and moved to the place where they asked them to start using as parking lot, one Hausa boy refused and brought out a knife and attacked one of the youths. Angered by the attack on the young man, they youths pounced on him and gave him the beating of his life.

"Before they knew what was happening, the said operator mobilised his fellow Hausa stormed the area for reprisal attack. The youths of the town who were not deterred immediately mobilised themselves armed with

all manner of weapon and chased the Hausa boys away. That was how the riot broke out. Two persons were killed and others injured during the clash," said the eyewitness who didn't want his name mentioned.

Daily Sun, however, learnt that youths of Orozo, armed with guns, machetes knives, sticks, petrol and fuel and lighter had taken to the expressway leading to Karshi, attacking and destroying every Keke NAPEP they sighted.

Their action sent panic to motorists, pedestrians and traders who hurriedly locked up their shops for fear of vandalism.

The riot which started at about one o'clock in the afternoon saw motorists deserting the routes for fear of having their vehicles attacked by hoodlums who kept chanting "we go kill any Keke wey come Orozo today."

They mounted a road block at the popular Arab junction and operated without being interrupted or dispersed by police who have their outpost few meters away from the scene of the incident.

Several tricycles were destroyed and others set ablaze by the irate youths who also beat up several persons.

Those who sustained injuries during the riot were said to have been rushed to the

Primary Health Center in the area for medical attention. Daily Sun gathered that it took the intervention of

the deputy commissioner of police in charge of the FCT who was on a condolence visit to the family of the

police officer killed by Shite protesters last week to get the youths vacate the area. When contacted, the

FCT commissioner of police Bala Ciroma, confirmed the report, but said nobody was killed.



L-R: Chief of Air Staff, Air Marshal Isiaka Oladayo Amao; Senate President, Dr. Ahmad Lawan and Governor of Yobe State, Mai Mala Buni, after a meeting with the Senate President in Abuja, yesterday.

We don't need war in Nigeria -Ooni of Ife

OONI of Ife, Oba Adeyeye Ogunwusi, has called on Nigerians to desist from any act that could lead to war in Nigeria.

Oba Ogunwusi also warned those beating the drum of war in the country to desist, adding that there is no gain in warfare.

The traditional ruler made the remarks while playing host to Mr. Olasupo Ajani, the newly posted Assistant Inspector-General of Police in charge of Zone 11, Osocha, in his palace

country.

Earlier, the AIG also commended the Ooni for his spirit of patriotism and love.

FG begins manhunt for passengers who escaped quarantine

From Juliana Taiwo-Obalonye, Abuja

THE Presidential Steering Committee on COVID-19 (PSC) has disclosed that a manhunt has begun for passengers who returned from countries where a new travel ban was introduced and had escaped quarantine facility

Ajani, who said he had once served in Ile-Ife, revealed that he was familiar with the terrains in the state.

issued a travel advisory which took into consideration, the utility of travel restrictions, outcomes of epidemiological risk assessment, factors that aid transmission as well as control measures that could be deployed. In the Advisory, additional requirements were placed on passengers from India, Turkey and Brazil

He appealed to residents of the state to continue to support the police for a crime-free society.

focus and concern the unprecedented rising cases of infection and fatalities caused by variants of concern in a number of jurisdictions around the world.

He said the committee continues to rely on data, science and experiences around the world to establish the basis for steps to be taken

ACF calls for transparent investigation