

5 feared dead as soldiers, IPOB members clash in Abia

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THERE was palpable tension in the ancient town of Arochukwu, Abia State, yesterday, as soldiers and members of the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB) clashed in the area.

Unconfirmed reports had it that five people suspected to be IPOB members were feared killed in the imbroglio.

Although the incident which led to the shooting had not been made official at the time of filing the report, however, a local source said immediately news got to the area that Nnamdi Kanu was brought to court in Abuja, yesterday, to face trial, some members of IPOB in the area took to the streets to jubilate.

The source said the IPOB members were jubiling that contrary to

reports they had been getting about the safety of their leader, that Kanu was still alive.

It was gathered that on getting to a point within the First Bank axis of the town, the IPOB members were confronted by soldiers who attempted to disperse them.

Unconfirmed reports said while the soldiers were en-

gaging the IPOB members who were in a procession, trouble ensued, and in the process, five members of the pro Biafra group were shot dead.

This was said to have caused pandemonium in Arochukwu, as residents scampered for safety.

Some residents were said to have taken refuge inside

the bush to avoid being victims of the onslaught.

When contacted, the Army Public Relations Officer (APRO) for 144 Battalion of the Nigerian Army, Lt Omale, promised to contact the officer in charge of soldiers in Arochukwu and get back to Daily Sun.

Court orders arrest of Funke Otti, ex-NISA president, J

By Steve Agbota

A Magistrate's Court in Yaba, Lagos, has issued a warrant of arrest against Mrs. Olufunke Olayinka Otti-Jolapamo, the estranged wife of former President of the Nigerian Shipowners Association (NISA), Chief Isaac Jolapamo.

The arrest warrant, dated June 27, 2021, was issued after Otti-Jolapamo allegedly failed to appear before the court to answer to charges of malicious damage and conduct likely to cause breach of the peace.

The former NISA president had filed a complaint on oath, accusing his wife

of allegedly conspiring with others, namely Fashi Nyashi, Daniel Aigevbole, Olaitan Kudus, Taofeek Aina "and others now at large, to commit misdemeanour to wit malicious damage and conduct likely to cause breach of the peace".

Chief Jolapamo has been engaged in a running battle with his wife over the ownership of a property in Parkview Estate, Ikoyi.

On December 8, 2020, Justice Taofiqat Oyekan-Abdullahi of the Lagos State High Court issued an order restraining Mrs. Olufunke Olayinka Otti-Jolapamo from selling the prop-

erty located at Parkview Estate, Ikoyi.

In a court order, CTSR listed suit filed by Otti-Jolapamo to sell the property.

The application for the order of sale was filed by Otti-Jolapamo, and as a result, the property was conveyed to her.