

Ebonyi community boils over Ebubeagu killings

- 3 feared dead, houses burnt, LG boss disappears
- Army takes over community to restore calm

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ing to some Ebubeagu members in the community were

torched, among other properties.

A source in the area told our correspondent: "Ebubeagu operatives killed a youth in the area.

The Akaeze youths, after their meeting, went peace-

fully to the chairman of Ivo LGA to ask him to assist them in producing the killer of the victim."

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THERE was tension yesterday in Akaeze community in Ivo Local Government Area of Ebonyi State following the alleged killing of a youth in the area by suspected members of Ebubeagu security outfit.

Daily Sun gathered that the victim, Nnaogo Akpoke Anyim, was accused by Ebubeagu members in the area of stealing some bamboo stalks from the community.

He was subsequently arrested and tortured to death by members of the Ebubeagu outfit.

In a video clip that went viral on social media, the victim was tied and kept close to a security van as Ebubeagu operatives were seen beating the him, while one of them used an axe to pierce his body.

Disturbed by the development, youths went on rampage and took to the streets to protest the murder and in the melee, two more youths were allegedly shot to death by security operatives attached to the house of the chairman of the council, Chief Onyebuchi Ogbadu.

It was also gathered that a filling station belonging to Ogbadu and houses belong-

Harvest of arrest as NDLEA smokes out Abuja drug traffickers

- Raids garden, markets

From **Godwin Tsa**, Abuja

THE National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) has arrested six persons in Abuja for selling drug cookies and noodles during a raid on a relaxation centre, popularly called garden.

In another operation, operatives of the agency intercepted United Kingdom and Saudi-bound cocaine concealed in synthetic hair.

The raid in Abuja followed credible intelligence, as operatives raided the garden at Wuse Zone 5, behind Shoprite, where a lady, Rachael Famiyesun, 29, who deals in drug cookies, was arrested along with her salesgirl, Stella Sunday, 20. Besides the cookies, they were also caught selling bottles of black currant drink, popularly called Zobo, prepared with cannabis.

Meanwhile, a statement by the NDLEA's director of media and publicity, Mr. Femi Babafemi, disclosed that another business operator in the garden, Moses Obi, 30, was arrested with his salesgirl, Aisha Abdulrahman, 19, for selling noodles prepared with cannabis. A barman, Ahonye Jonah, 31, who works with the owner of the garden, was equally arrested, while one of their customers, 38-year-old Ngozi Justina Emelogu, was also nabbed during the raid on Wednesday January 19.

Two days earlier, officers of the FCT command of the agency raided the Zuba Yam Market, where a drug dealer, Haruna Hassan, was arrested with 19.3kg of cannabis.

Meanwhile, attempts by drug traffickers to export 1.53kg of cocaine hidden inside hair cream to London, and another 880g of cocaine

concealed inside synthetic hair to Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, as well as 3kg of cocaine and 5kg of cannabis to Cyprus packed inside locally made shoes through two major courier companies in Lagos have been foiled by narcotics officers attached to the firms.

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Police nab man for scamming 121 job seekers

By **Christopher Oji**

THE Inspector-General of Police Intelligence Response Team (IRT) has arrested a suspected serial fraudster, Hamza Abdullahi Gambo, for scamming 121 job seekers.

The suspect allegedly issued fake employment letters of the Nigeria Meteorological Agency (NIMET) after collecting over N5 million from them.

The IRT team apprehended the suspect in Bauchi metropolis after one Beatrice Itodo reported that the suspect swindled her of N2,366,000 through fake employment letters issued to many of her rela-

tives purported to be the by the agency.

The suspect, a former employee of NIMET, confessed to have issued the fake employment letters and that he was paid for doing so through his Guarantee Trust Bank Account number 0018546542. He stated that he was a senior school certificate holder employed by the NIMET in 2003. He also said he was dismissed, reinstated and later dismissed again.

Gambo confessed that he issued fake employment letters to 121 job seekers, designed with the agency's logo

and staff signature, before his arrest.

He admitted that Itodo paid N2,366,000.00 to him through his GTB account number for 15 job seekers initially and the fake employment letters with NIMET letterhead were issued to them through electronic mail addresses.

He confessed: "I cannot remember how much I collected, based on individuals, but the total amount is N2,360,000. I received the money via my account number as stated earlier."

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