

3 feared dead in Abuja violent clash

From Fred Itua, Abuja

THREE people were reportedly killed in a clash between scavengers, often referred to as 'baban bola', and residents of Byazhin community, in Kubwa, Bwari Area Council of the nation's capital.

A witness, Jessica Adam, told newsmen that a *baban bola* attempted to steal a wom-

an's pot of soup, but was overpowered and beaten up after the woman alerted neighbours and passers-by.

The angry *baban bola* then went away and mobilised hoodlums who returned at about 8pm, wielding weapons, including machetes, clubs, and stones and began attacking residents at random, eventually killing the woman whose pot

of soup was earlier stolen.

In the continuing attack, two others, a woman and a young boy, reported to be passers-by who, unfortunately, ran into the middle of the crisis, were also killed.

"They killed two people yesterday. The community has been in chaos since yesterday. The crisis continued till this morning when they killed somebody, again. So far, three people have been killed and many injured. The police intervened and restored normalcy, but no arrest was made. The police have intensified their patrol in the Byazhin area of Kubwa to prevent them from regrouping," Adams narrated.

Another resident confirmed the death of the three people, but said he had no clue as to what may have started the clash.

"Yes, the riot started yesterday. And by this morning, we learnt that three people have been killed. It happened in Byazhin around Millionaire's Quarters, behind that Living Faith Church.

N70bn graft: EFCC under pressure to probe Matawalle

From Okwe Obi, Abuja

THE Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) appears to be under pressure to reopen the N70 billion contract case against the Minister of State for Defence, Bello Matawalle.

About two weeks ago, the All Progressives Congress (APC), Akida Forum, had stormed the headquarters of the anti-graft agency and demanded immediate prosecution of the former Zamfara State governor.

This time, the Tinubu Youth and Women Network, led by Aliyu Yususa, besieged the premises of the Commission, yesterday, in Abuja, and made the same request.

Yususa said: "The Tinubu Youth and Women Network is appealing to the Economic and Financial Crime Commission (EFCC) to continue investigating Bello Mohammed Matawalle's alleged mismanagement of public funds during his tenure as governor of Zamfara State, and his involvement in the famous arms deal scandal.