

Kingdom, King Dandysan Jaja, during the presentation of security patrol vehicles to the state police command by governor in Port Harcourt...yesterday

Post-Eid Clash in Kwara Claims One, Three Wounded

Hammed Shittu in Ilorin

One person has been reportedly killed in the ancient town of Jebba in Moro Local Government Area of Kwara State following a clash that ensued in the ancient town over the traditional leadership in the town.

Besides, three persons have been reportedly wounded while property worth several millions of naira were vandalised during the crisis.

The deceased according to THISDAY checks, was simply identified as "Pastor."

Sources in the town told journalists in Ilorin yesterday that the dispute was a renewal of an age-long disagreement between factions loyal to the traditional ruler of the town, Oba Abdulkadir Alabi Adebara and members of an opposing camp, the Okedares.

It was gathered that pandemonium broke out moments after the Eid-el-Fitri prayers when some indigenes

believed to belong to the Okedare group allegedly began making some sinister displays at the frontage of Adebara's palace.

As efforts to stop the display were allegedly rebuffed, it was gathered that one popular man in the town, identified as Baale Osogun, also decided to stage his own version of display at the same venue.

Irked by the developments, some loyalists of the monarch were said to have attempted to disperse the crowd allegedly by force, leading to serious violent resistance.

An eyewitness account told journalists that, "It was just as this moment that we started hearing the sounds of gun shots at Oke-Oja where the palace is sited.

"The shots felled down three people who were promptly rushed to a nearby hospital."

Sources said during the melee, one persons simply identified as 'Pastor' was killed by the irate group.

It was further learnt that the other two are in critical conditions while a vehicle

and a motor cycle at the scene were burnt beyond recognition.

Abducted Immigration Officer Released from Kidnappers Den

Chiemelie Ezeobi

Three days after he was abducted by an unknown kidnap gang, a Nigerian Immigration Service (NIS) officer, one Peter Ofulue, attached to the Immigration Passport Office, Ikoyi, Lagos, was yesterday evening finally released by his captors.

Ofulue was reportedly released at about 4.30p.m. without any ransom paid, despite the earlier demands by the kidnappers for N30million to secure his release.

It was gathered that the victim was released when the kidnappers realised that no ransom was forthcoming,

so they just collected his phone and the cash he had on him before they released him.

Ofulue was kidnapped by armed men on his way to the office on Monday, as he was trying to board a boat. The armed men were said to have stormed the jetty in an unregistered car and whisked him away.

After a day in captivity, his family was finally contacted as at Tuesday evening and the ransom demand made.

Although his release was unexpected, the Lagos State Police Command was already making inroads into securing his release and arresting the masterminds.