

## ...as 5 killed, houses destroyed in *okada* riders' traders dash in Abuja

**F**ive persons were reportedly killed and houses set on fire in a violent clash between traders and commercial motorcyclists, popularly called

*Okada* at Dei Dei, a community in Abuja Municipal Area Council (AMAC) of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

According to a resident, an accident involving an *Okada* man led to the clash in the community.

"Five persons that I know have been killed in this incident. We have been calling for security intervention to no avail. We are really worried that this crisis is tilting towards ethnic dimension."

The traders

were said to have attacked the *Okada* rider, whom they blamed for recklessness which led to the death of the passenger. The *okada* rider's colleagues reportedly moved to rescue him from the attackers

and the situation degenerated afterwards.

Another account has it that the driver of the trailer which crushed the passenger to death was attacked and some persons mobilised to defend him.



Dei Dei Junction yesterday

## Catholic knight remanded for dealing 'illegally' in heroin

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**J**ustice Daniel Osiagor of a Federal High Court in Lagos has ordered the remand of a Catholic knight, Sir Basil Okafor, and his cousin, Edwin Okwuchukwu Izuchukwu, in custody of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) over alleged illegal dealing in 2.169 kg of heroin.

The judge's order was sequel to the arraignment of the duo by the NDLEA on

Centre.

In his response, defence lawyer, Benson Idakara, drew the court's attention to his clients' bail motion, saying it has been served on the prosecution. He also urged the court to remand the defendants in NDLEA's custody pending perfection of their bail conditions.

After listening to parties' submissions for and against the bail motion, Justice Osiagor admitted the defendants to bail in the sum of N2 mil-