

One Killed, 6 Injured As King's Devotees Engage Area Boys

At least one person was confirmed killed and six others seriously wounded yesterday in Ebute-Metta area of Lagos State as members of Emeka Ezeuko, alias Dr. Reverend King's Christian Praying Assembly (CPA) engaged social miscreants otherwise known as 'Area Boys' in a free-for-all fight, which disrupted traffic flow along busy Ebute-Metta - Apapa road. However unconfirmed reports stated the death toll may have been higher than specified.

The incident happened after

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an Ebute-Metta Magistrate Court, presided over by Mr. Tajudeen Elias, ordered that King, standing trial in court alongside two other persons, Donatus Chaizor and Kelechi Chikere, should be remanded in prison custody pending a proper arraignment for a second charge of conspiracy and murder brought against the accused persons. The matter was also adjourned till September 11 for further hearing in the same court.

Police sources, while confirm-

ing the incident, revealed the six persons (identities as yet unknown) who were seriously injured in the fracas, are currently receiving treatment in various hospitals in Lagos. The identity

of the dead man was yet to be confirmed yesterday as at the time of filing this report.

Trouble, according to sources, began yesterday after King and other co-accused persons were

driven away from the court back to Kirikiri Prisons, and his devotees, while leaving the area, were roundly booed by the social miscreants, an action which resulted in a fierce battle between both

factions, leading to the death of one and the serious injuries sustained by others. Policemen from Denton Police Station had to be drafted to the scene of the clash to restore normalcy in the area.

Lebanese Kidnapped As Shell Well Catches Fire

Barely 24 hours after President Olusegun Obasanjo read a riot act to security forces in the country to tackle hostage takers, unknown militants yesterday abducted Mr. Daniel Cowry, a Lebanese along Mbiama-East

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West road in Ahoada Local Government area of Rivers State.

This came as an oil spill site in Kpean, in the Khana Local

Lebanese construction worker was abducted at Mbiama this morning, but we are yet to be briefed of details into what really happened", the police said.

While four expatriates, two Britons, an American and a German were at 11.30pm on Sunday kidnapped along

the fire ignited was an abandoned well and therefore not active and would not be drawn into explaining possible cause of the fire until a proper investigation was carried out.

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