

Girl stab friend to death over man

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TRAGEDY struck a weekend after a lady was stabbed to death by her friend during a fight over a man, at Ijora Badia area of Lagos State.

Report said the deceased identified simply as Blessing and her assailant Gift Onya Nelson had been friends until the unexpected occurred.

Trouble reportedly broke out last Friday at railway line, after the duo engaged each other in a heated argument, over the discovery that they were going out with the same man. They both reportedly accused each other of being a back stabber, a cheat and other unprintable words, in the process of which they engaged each other in a physical combat which caused a public stare. They were both said to have attacked each other with dangerous weapons including broken bottle, while on-lookers watched with excitement, leaving both fighters to their fate.

The fight however came to an abrupt end when Blessing reportedly slumped following a stab on her rib. Gift on the other hand, was said to have

been bleeding from a similar stab. They were both rushed to an unknown hospital where Blessing later gave up the ghost. *Vanguard* however gathered that Gift is currently in Police custody.

Confirming the incident, the Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, Mr Olubode Ojajuni said the case had been transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department, (SCID) Panti Yaba

In a similar development, the police has arrested an attendant for allegedly stabbing a customer to death in a restaurant at Festac Town.

The deceased, one Soji Oni was said to have gone to a restaurant located on 5th Avenue, Festac Town, where he ordered for a plate of fish pepper soup. But while he was still waiting for his order, report said one of the restaurant attendants identified as Hope, attacked him over a yet to be ascertained reason and stabbed him to death.

The suspect according to police spokesman, Mr Olubode Ojajuni has been arrested adding that investigation into the circumstance that led to his stabbing the customer had begun.

41 couples wed in Lagos Church

FORTY-ONE couples were weekend formally joined in holy matrimony at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Owode-Ibeshe, Ikorodu, Lagos.

Some of the couples have been living together as husbands and wives for between 10 and 25 years having performed traditional or court registry formalities.

In his sermon at the occasion, the presiding priest, the Reverend Father Udo Iwuji (SDV), described Saturday's marriage ceremony as "providential." "Marriage is a providential gift of God and not a gift of chance."

He urged each of the couples, most of whom turned out in their wedding attires, to be tolerant of each other and to be strong in their

Catholic faith. "The person you are marrying will not always please you by 100 percent.

He or she is not an angel. Marriage is a basic task or burden you have to carry throughout your life as husband and wife," said the priest.

On the occasion which lasted over three hours, the priest admonished them to stand up in their faith by being men and women in prayer.

"Pray always to have sincere love. Keep to your marriage vows despite all the odds and attractions in the society. Remove your eyes from what could be a trap, such as HIV/AIDS. Live a fulfilled life as from today and the Church will support you each day with prayers," he said.

Police kill man at check point

MAGONGO (KOGI)—MR. Alexander Shado, 40-years-old U.S. based Nigerian, who is on a visit to his home, Magongo in Kogi, has been shot death by a police corporal.

An eyewitness, Mr Tunde Adeshola, told newsmen at Magongo that the incident occurred at the border between Magongo and Lampkese in Edo on Friday at about 5 p.m.

Adeshola said that Shado was on his way to buy fuel at Lampkese, for his Honda Jeep, no. AV 95 KUI, in company of three other persons, when he was stopped by Corporal Hyacinth Okwodafe, at a

police check point.

He said Shado was shot on the chest inside his car by the policeman before he could alight from the car to answer questions from the policeman and that he died a few minutes later at the Okene General Hospital.

It was further gathered that the murder of the man triggered off a violent protest by youths in the community, who destroyed the police stations and vehicles at Magongo and the near by Ogori town.

The Commissioner of Police in Kogi, Mr Samuel Adekunle, confirmed the incident and described it as unfortunate.