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Tension as cart-pusher kills man in Agege

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By Evelyn Usman

Agege area of Lagos was yesterday thrown into pandemonium following rumour of an ethnic clash between Hausa and Yoruba.

The rumour followed the alleged killing of a Yoruba man by an Hausa cart-pusher, during a dispute over the cart-pusher's outright refusal to dump the refuse in his cart near a refuse dump at the Oniwaya area of Agege, with a young man who was identified as Segun Ogunbiyi.

One account said cart-pushers were always harassed by miscreants who usually demanded money before they were allowed to dispose their refuse at the refuse dump while another version said cart-pushers were disallowed as the dump site was over-filled and spilling to the roadside, thereby heightening the traffic situation and constituting an environmental nuisance.

A verbal confrontation between the cart-pusher, one Chigago Busari and Segun reportedly ensued and degenerated into a fight during which the cart-pusher allegedly stabbed Segun in the neck.

The 39-year-old Segun, an indigene of Ilogbo-Ota, Ogun State, was said to have slumped and died before reaching the hospital.

A mob was said to have descended on the cart-pusher, and beat him to pulp. The mob was reportedly about setting him ablaze when policemen from Isokoko Division arrived the scene and saved the situation.


Confirming the incident, the Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Frank Mba, said the suspect was immediately rushed to an undisclosed hospital for treatment.

Mba, however, corrected the belief by residents in the area that it was an ethnic crisis, saying, "the case has no religious or ethnic colouration but that of two adults that were engaged in a fight. The command has taken measures to ensure hoodlums do not hijack the situation to cause trouble in the state.


"There is absolutely no cause for alarm as the situation has been taken care of and the suspect taken to the hospital because we want him alive so as to successfully carry out our investigation."




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what about the negotiation between asuu and fG

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This is a complete mess and shows how Nigerians have little respect for the law. In the first place, Segun and the cart pusher should not have entered into argument on where to dump his refuse. 2., The Local Council or government should have been doing their job to provide a place for daily dumping of refuse. 3. The police should have been doing their job to see that the so called Area Boys do not harass anyone from free movement or otherwise. 4. The Area Boys should stop forthwith by acting as law enforcement personnel. Everyone should respect the law no matter how HIGH OR LOW we are placed in society.

3.  *afuo* says:
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individuals should learn to manage how to discard their refuse and stop blaming govt or local govt. who is government?. you and me


4.  *jimi adejare* says:
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adequate response in good time, but there is need to regulate the activity of cart pushers since lgs are finding it difficult to manage refuse and gov. fashola cannot be doing all the work of other tiers of government


5.  *Cookie* says:
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I think it is ethnic. These northerners feel they have a right to carry knives around and stab anyone who vexes them.


They have a cultural problem which they need to address. Lagos is not a northern state where they will try their nonsense and people will just look away. He is very very lucky he didn't die. At least his scars and all the "koko" on his head will teach him and others like him to be more sensible in future. May Segun's soul find peace.

6.  *Ojeigbo chinedu r(lagos).* says:
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I don't want to sound prejudicial. I know war of words may have caused this act of provocation by this seemingly unskilled and frustrated cart-pusher. Proper manner of approach may have curbed this ugly imbroglio. Thank you Mr Frank mba for such uncommon sagacity you apply in dispelling volatile ruse.

7.  *franklytrue* says:
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9.  *Akay* says:
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What a country. This incident is directly attributable to failing in Government especially the Local Government that has the constitutional duty to clear refuse.

Its a long road men.

10.  *Raymond* says:
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I must commend d wisdom of Mr Frank Mba 4 tackling dt scenerio otherwise lives wld hv being getting ready 2 meet their ancestors in ds populated state comprisin mainly of ds 2 groups

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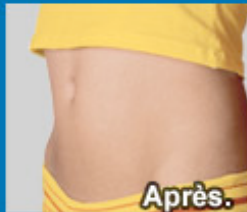
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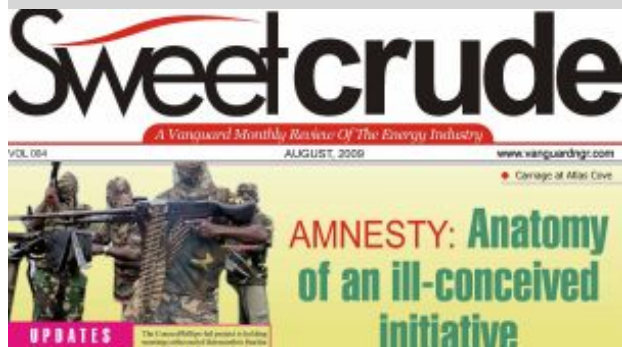
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