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Man kills uncle at masquerade festival in Nsukka

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Nsukka (Enugu State) – Pandemonium broke out at Nguru village in Nsukka, Enugu State, on Tuesday when a man shot his uncle dead at a masquerade festival.

Boniface Ukwueze was shot dead by his nephew Chebube Ukwueze during the omabe masquerade festival, according to an eyewitness.

A member of the community who pleaded anonymity said that the accident brought the festival to a sudden end.

He said that people were dancing and celebrating with the masquerades when Chebube, who was holding a dane gun, hit his leg on a stone and in the process of failing touched the trigger which killed the deceased.

“When we celebrate the masquerade festival, some people usually carry dane guns and shoot it into the air to add spice to the celebration.

“We have been doing this festival since our forefathers but it is unfortunate that this year’s turned into a tragedy.

“It was an accidental discharge, the nephew had no intention of killing his uncle,” he said.

Speaking on the tragedy, the councilor representing the area in Nsukka LGA, Mr Nick Obayi, described it as unfortunate, noting that the community handed over the suspect to the police to avoid massive arrest.

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“We know it was an accidental discharge, so the community will work closely with the police to ensure that the matter is resolved amicably.

“It was an accident. The nephew had no intention of killing the uncle. We decided to hand him over to the police to avoid massive arrest,” he said.

He said the tragedy would not prevent the community from continuing the festival since everybody knew the killing was not intentional.

Igwe Patrick Okoro, the traditional ruler of Nkpunano community, confirmed the incident, describing it as an accident that occurred during the festival.

“The community has been celebrating this festival for a long time, we have not witnessed this tragedy before,” he said.

Mr Ebere Amaraizu, the police spokesman in Enugu State, confirmed the incident, adding that the police had commenced investigations into the matter.

Amaraizu said the police had recovered the dane gun used in the shooting. (NAN)



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This is an accidental discharge. Every nation embrace their culture and tradition. Nsukka citizens and other towns in Nigeria and around the world must maintain and enhance their cultures. This is a tragedy of great proportion. The festival will continue but the use weapons must be reviewed. I wish the family of the deceased the courage to bear the incalculable loss.

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I thought these people claim they are jews? This masquerading was also brought from the holy land to Nigeria? I have told you until you all return to african gods... you will remain in the wilderness. Neither here nor there will never help you.

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**Pastor Taiwo** • 3 months ago

Whenever you trade with Satan, you ultimately lose.

Look at these people who are ignorant of the wicked and crafty devices of Satan dance to worship Satan, yet Satan did not spare one of his worshippers.

My friend, the protection of a Lion for a Goat is the kind of protection Satan gives those who worship him,

ARE YOU A WORSHIPPER OF SATAN?

You are a worshiper of Satan if you are not worshipping God in truth and in Spirit through the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Jesus in John 14:6 says, " I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

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**Field_Marshal** • 3 months ago

Bullets accidentally released from a nephew's gun, coincidentally killed the uncle! What needs to be investigated here is not the accidental but the coincidental. Why must the bullet hit the uncle and not any other person? A background check on this guy's relationship with the uncle may proof the "accidental theory" wrong. I refuse to swallow the coincidence just like that!

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**Ajantala** • 3 months ago

Ok it was "unintentional" but how does the children of the deceased get justice. You have just snuffed out life from the bread winner and completely turned their future upside down. Did you guys get Insurance for this event or did you guy have license to carry gun around? I guess not. I hope the Local Govt and the Traditional head are sued for compensations..

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Commy Odu • 3 months ago

Nothing good can come from celebrating d devil.

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goziee • 3 months ago

when are u going to grow above this evil in nsukka land for Gods sake. evil report every time from nsukka , are you not going to embrace Jesus to be liberated from all these devilish happenings in nsukka. Haba

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Guest • 3 months ago

I love our good tradition in Africa,may his soul rest in peace.Next time the traditionalist should put down measures to arrest this kind of situation in future celebrations.R.I.P uncle.

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Pastor Taiwo → Guest • 3 months ago

How can his soul rest in peace when he died celebrating and worshipping Satan?.

My friend, you cannot have peace in death except you make peace with your maker before you die.

Romans 5:1 says,"Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ"

This should be a wake-up call to you that you have to amend your ways and make peace with your maker before the silver cord is broken.

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goziee → Guest • 3 months ago

shut up your mouth, u love tradition, thats why you people remain like that every time, tradition ko

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Come-on shutup there,

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With your comment and form of engagement its obvious there's hypocritical spirit in you.

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its a pity you refused to shift ground when you are siting on a sinking ship.

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