

News

3 shot dead, 5 injured as rival cults clash in Abakaliki

By Peter Okutu

ABAKALIKI—NO fewer than three persons were last week shot dead, while five others sustained gunshot wounds in different parts of their bodies as rival cult groups clashed in Abakaliki, Ebonyi State.

Those killed in the clash include 35-year-old man and beer palour owner, Amaechi Ude an indigene of Enugu State but resident in Abakaliki where he was doing his business.

Others are Sunday Onwe of Ohaukwu Local Government Area of Ebonyi State and a staff of Federal Teaching Hospital, Abakaliki, whose name could not be immediately ascertained.

Ude was killed in his beer palour at Isiuke lane, off Norom Street, Abakaliki, while Onwe was shot at a drinking joint, identified as yori yori, located close to Ebonyi State School of Health Technology in Ngbo court.

Third victim shot thrice

The third victim was shot three times in the head at the Abakaliki Township Stadium where he had gone to play football.

The incidents happened simultaneously in different locations in the state.

Ude was sitting in his bar around 7:pm when two unidentified gunmen who operated on a motor bike shot him.

The incident forced customers to flee, while the victim was rushed to the hospital where he was confirmed dead.

Onwe, on the other hand, was at a birthday party with his friends at the yori yori joint when hoodlums invaded the area and shot him in the chest and he gave up the ghost instantly.

Chairman of Ohaukwu local government area, Barr. Clement Odaah, who confirmed the killing of Onwe, the younger brother of Ngbo Central Development Centre

policemen were sent to the scene, adding that before they got there, the hoodlums had already fled.

He said efforts were on to arrest Ude's killers.

The injured

Meanwhile, five young men, including one Nwatu

Ikenna and Chukwuebuka Mbam, were shot in different parts of their bodies.

Narrating his ordeal, one of the victims, Ikenna said he was going to his shop when he saw young men on mask who opened fire on him and shot him at the back.

He said a five-year-old boy

whose mother sold beans cake near the scene, was hit by stray bullets.

The remains of the dead victims have been deposited in different mortuaries, while those wounded are currently receiving treatment in different hospitals in the state.



RECOVERED: A motorcycle recovered from suspected Boko Haram terrorists by the 243 Battalion, 5 Brigade of the Nigerian Army, set ablaze, at Dunaway Village near Maiduguri. Photo: NAN.

Anxiety in Bayelsa over kidnapped 1 mother of APC running mate

By Emem Idio

YENAGOA—YENAGOA—THERE was anxiety yesterday in the fold of All Progressives Congress, APC, and family of its deputy governorship candidate in Bayelsa State, Wilberforce Igiri, following news of the death of his mother, Madam Ebifeghe Dikoro, in the custody of her kidnappers.

Dikoro, who is said to be over 105 years old, was kidnapped by

said.

He, however, said the hoodlums had yet to contact the family, stressing that effort was being intensified to ensure her rescue.

Dikoro's kidnappers were said to have invaded her house at

about 1am on the fateful day and whisked her away to an unknown place.

It was gathered that news of her death broke early on Monday about five days after the incident.

When contacted, the state police command Public Relations Officer,

Remains of drowned UNILORIN recovered

By Demola Akinyemi

Chief Security Officer of the University, Mr. I. M. Tijani the