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100-yr-old, 3 others die of food poisoning in Ebonyi; 6 killed in Jos crisis

By Peter Okutu

ABAKALI—POLICE in Ebonyi State confirmed the death of a 100 years old woman and three other family members from food poisoning.

Confirming the incident, the state police Public Relations Officer, DSP Loveth Odah, stated that the command received reports of the incident with a heavy heart adding that the corpse of the said victims had been deposited in Matter Hospital located at Afikpo North local government area of the state.

"The death of the said persons was as a result of food poisoning. A family of four at Amachara village at Afikpo North LGA were found dead on their bed inside their room.

"We sent a team of Police officers to the area and discovered that the said family of four ate their last meal and gave up. The victims include a woman of over one hundred years, another elder of over seventy years and two others.

"They have been deposited at the Matter Hospital and autopsy will be conducted to ascertain the real cause of their death.

"We urge people to always check the type of food they eat to avoid this kind of mysterious deaths," she noted.

... in Jos

The Plateau Police Command said five persons were killed and 12 houses completely burnt in Sunday's skirmishes between residents of Dutse Uku and Angwan Damisa, Jos North local

government area of the state.

DSP Terna Tyopev, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state confirmed this in a statement, yesterday, in Jos.

The skirmishes occurred following the discovery of the body of one Enoch Monday a resident of Tina community of Jos North, at a location between Dutse Uku and Damisa communities.

The protest which took religious dimension led to bloody clashes and loss of lives.

The PPRO explained that immediately the command got the information, it mobilised its men to the area and moved the bodies to Plateau Specialist Hospital, where the doctor on duty confirmed Monday dead.

"But the youths of the area started protesting when the news of Enock's death filtered into the community.

Military arrests 171 suspects in Benue, Taraba, Nasarawa

By Peter Duru

MAKURDI—NO fewer than 171 criminal gangs members, armed herdsmen and militia groups operating in Benue, Taraba and Nasarawa states have been arrested with 178 assorted firearms and 3,569 live ammunition recovered by troops of the joint security intervention force operating in the three states code-named Operation Whirl Stroke, OPWS.

Commander of the operation, Major Gen. Adeyemi Yekini, who made the disclosure, yesterday,

"As a result of the protest, five persons were killed and twelve houses were completely burnt down.

"Immediately, a joint team of security personnel led by Maj. Gen. Augustine Agundu, the Commander of Operation Safe Haven, and other top police officers moved to the area and brought the situation under control," he said

The police spokesperson enjoined residents of the area to remain calm and be law abiding, adding that the command has put all modalities on ground to arrest those who were involved in the criminal protest.

He called on anyone with useful information that would lead to the immediate arrest of the perpetrators to notify security agencies.

while displaying the cache of recovered firearms in Makurdi, said in the course of the operation his troops killed over 140 bandits in the three states.

He said: "We identified 38 militia camps across the joint operation areas, including 21 in Benue, 12 in Taraba and five in Nasarawa States.

"41 weapons and 1,293 ammunition were recovered in Benue; 127 weapons and 2,235 ammunition, Nasarawa, and 10 weapons and 41 ammunition were recovered in Taraba."