

Ebikapaye Agidee, who was at "trouble started and four as at 7.10p.m. yesterday.

Hunter kills colleague over affair with wife

By Shina Abubakar

O SOGBO—POLICE operatives in Osun State have arrested a hunter identified as Emmanuel Oyejide, for allegedly killing fellow hunter, Fatai Adegboye, popularly known as Otunba, with magical ring during a fight over Oyejide's wife at Ipetumodu, Ife-North Local Government Area of the state.

Fatai, a member of Oodua People's Congress, OPC, was said to have slumped during an argument with the suspect in the early hours of Sunday.

It was gathered that the situation almost erupted into free-for-all in the community, as youths allegedly attempted to avenge the death, leading to the injuries of four persons.

An eyewitness account revealed that Oyejide reportedly accused the deceased of having illicit affair with his wife.

It was gathered that the deceased reportedly denied the allegation, but the accused, who was in company of four other hunters, was not satisfied with the explanation.

Attempts to intervene in the issues by residents were allegedly rebuffed by an elderly hunter, who described the incident as "hunters' affairs."

The situation, however, escalated into serious argument

during which Oyejide was said to have hit the deceased with a magical ring. He slumped immediately before being declared dead at the General Hospital.

The state Acting Police Public Relations Officer, Mustapha Katayeyanjue, disclosed that the Commissioner of Police has

ordered full investigation into the matter to unravel the cause of death.

Meanwhile, the state Coordinator of OPC, Deji Aladesawe, said he is aware of a fight between the duo, but he is not aware of the reason that resulted into the duel, which eventually led to Fatai's death.

Buyers wanted my baby boy, says child trafficker

By Vincent Ujumadu

AWKA—A suspected child trafficker, Miss Chisom Ani, 28, claimed yesterday in Awka that those who came to buy the two bay girls she stole in Anambra East Local Government Area of Anambra State wanted her to sell her baby boy to them, instead of the baby girl she was contracted to bring to them.

The suspect, who was paraded at the police headquarters in Awka, said she was contacted to steal a baby girl for the buyer, who had already promised to pay her N400,000, adding that trouble started when the buyers saw her baby boy and changed their mind.

During the parade, Ani was seen cuddling a baby boy, while the two female children she stole were handed over to their parents.

She said: "The baby boy is my child, while the baby girl is the one I stole from the parents. The third one is the sister to the one I stole, but she followed me after I carried her little sister and so I decided to take two of them.

"I intended to sell only the seven months old baby girl and send her five-year-old her sister back to her parents through another accomplice.

"I took the baby to Onitsha and contacted one Onye Army, who was to bring the buyers. When the buyers came, they complained that they didn't have money, and since that Monday was a public holiday in Anambra, they lodged us in a hotel so they could get the money the next day.

"I, however, noticed that another woman, Udodiri Afamefunu, who came with the buyer, took interest in my baby, saying she wanted a baby boy."