



# Irate youths protest killing of Okadaman by police officer, set barracks on fire in Kogi

●Another set of youths on rampage over murder of colleague by Ebubeagu

By Boluwaji Obahopo & Peter Okutu

**I**RATE youths of Kabba, headquarters of Kabba/Bunu council area of Kogi State, weekend, set the old Police barracks in the community ablaze over the alleged killing of one of them by a police officer.

In a similar development, Akaeze Community youths in Ivo Local Government Area of Ebonyi State also went on a rampage over the killing of a youth by a team of Ebubeagu operatives.

It was gathered that the youth killed in Kabba, identified as Paul, was reportedly shot dead on an account of "sachet water."

An eyewitness said Paul, an Okada man, had allegedly taken a sachet of 'pure water' from the Policeman's car to drink without his permission.

It was learned that the boy's action angered the policeman and the melee that followed led the policeman to pull his trigger against the victim, who died instantly.

The death of Paul Saturday morning sparked off protests in Kabba town in the evening of the day as angry youths descended on the barrack and set it on fire.

It was gathered that the incident elicited wide protests in the town, forcing business activities to a standstill.

A group of mobile policemen was drafted into the ancient town to quell the uprising that ensued in the town as a result of the incident.

The Kogi State Commissioner of Police, CP Edward Egbuka, who confirmed the incident, however, said that the information from the Area Commander of the Police in the area was different from the claims being spread.

CP Egbuka added that the Policeman had tried to defend himself from the victim, promising to investigate the matter further and get the true position of things.

"The true situation could only be known after the investigation," said CP Egbuka.

In a swift reaction, the Kogi State governor, Yahaya Bello, has ordered an immediate investigation into the alleged killing of the Okada rider and subsequent destruction of the Old Police Barracks in Kabba.

The Chief Press Secretary to the governor, Mr Onogwu Muhammed, who made this known in a statement, yesterday, urged the youths of the community to remain calm.

"The governor has called on the youths in Kabba to remain calm and allow investigation into the matter for necessary action."

But there was tension in Akaeze Community of Ivo LGA of Ebonyi State, yesterday, over the alleged murder of one Nnaogo Akpoke Anyim on 18th January 2022.

The youths alleged that the victim, accused of stealing bamboo was arrested and killed by a team of Ebubeagu operatives in Ivo LGA.

In a video clip that went viral last week, the victim was tied and kept close to a security van while Ebubeagu operatives

were seen beating the victim as one of them used an axe to pierce him (Anyim) on the side.

Unhappy with the development, the youths went gaga, yesterday, taking to the streets to protest the death of the accused, destroying properties worth millions of naira in the process.

Vanguard reliably gathered that the filling station of the Chairman of Ivo LGA, Chief Onyebuchi Ogbadu, was torched among other properties.

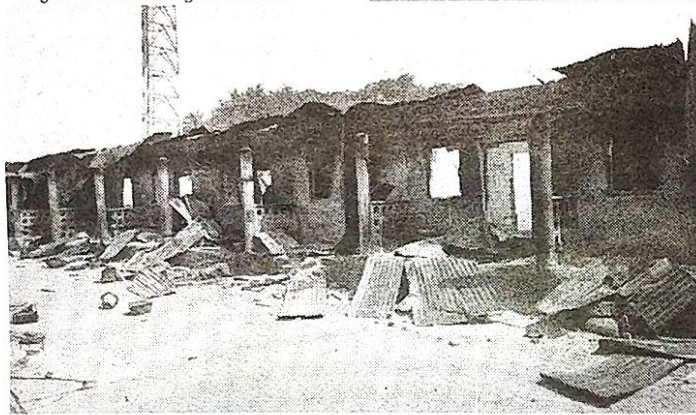
A source from the Community stated "There's an uprising in Akaeze. Youths attacked Ebubeagu and everyone implicated in the recent gruesome murder of someone in Akaeze. Nnaogo Akpoke Anyim was murdered on 18/01/2022 by the members of Ebubeagu security outfit in Akeze Ivo LGA, Ebonyi State.

"Ebubeagu operatives killed a youth in the area. The Akaeze youths after their meeting went peacefully to the Chairman of Ivo to ask him to assist them in producing the killer of the victim."

Contacted, the State Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Loveth Odah, promised to call the Divisional Police Officer, DPO, Ivo LGA and get back to Vanguard concerning the matter.



SLAIN: Late Paul, the Okadaman shot dead by the cop.



The old police barracks in Kabba set on fire by irate youths.

## 4 killed as NURTW factions clash in Lagos

By Evelyn Usman

**A**T least four persons were feared dead in the bloody clash between factions of the National Union of Road Transport Workers, NURTW that disrupted commercial activities, weekend, in Idumota, Lagos Island.

Several persons, among them traders, were also injured in the process.

A fight erupted between Kunle Poly and Mustapha Seggo's supporters, over an argument on which group should collect tolls from commercial bus drivers and motorcyclists at Eyin Eyo unit, in Idumota.

The factions as gathered had been at loggerhead for long over control of some of the units in Idumota. Some of them who spoke with Vanguard explained that Kunle Poly's faction was in -charge of

toll collection from commercial bus drivers at Eyin Eyo and other units, while Seggo's group coordinated the Idumota main market as well as units around Carter bridge.

It was alleged that Seggo's faction invaded its opponent's area to forcefully take over, last Thursday, but met stiff resistance. However, a member of Kunle Poly's faction was allegedly killed in the process.

A reprisal attack was reportedly launched by the Kunle Poly faction the next day (Friday).

But Seggo's group sustained more injuries as their opponent reportedly mobilized youths from Ereko Street, Tom Jones, Martins, Oluwole and other parts of Lagos Island.

Another reprisal attack was averted on Saturday by the Police and Army. Members of the rival factions displayed dangerous objects such as cutlasses,

## Abductors of Bayelsa Commissioner makes contact, give condition for his release

By Emem Idio

**Y**ENAGOA—YENAGOA—THE abductors of the Bayelsa State Commissioner for Industry, Trade and Investment, Mr Federal Otokito, have reportedly made contact with the family.

It was gathered that they called the Paramount Ruler of the Community and the father-in-law of the commissioner to demand the release of his father before the commissioner will regain his freedom.

The commissioner is married to the first daughter of the Paramount Ruler of Otukpoti Community.

Operatives of Bayelsa State Police Command had arrested the father of the alleged mastermind of the abduction of the state Commissioner for Industry, Trade and Investment, Mr Federal Otokito.

It was, however, gathered that the leader of the gang had called the paramount ruler of Otukpoti at about 5:30 am on Saturday and told him that the commissioner was in his custody.

He was said to have also told the