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Media Report on the Arbitrary Manner of Carrying out the Demolitions

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• L-R: Executive Vice-Chairman, ZOOMmobile, Mr. Kim Aghinode, with Executive Vice-Chairman, National Communications Commission, Mr. Ernest Nduke, at a stakeholders meeting in Abuja ...on Friday.



• L-R: Chairman, Art to Desire Limited, Mr. Daseye Tontia; Special Adviser to the Bayelsa State Governor, Mrs. Li Bema; and Director-General, National Gallery of Arts, Chief Joe Musa, during the Bayelsa State Day at the first African regional summit on exhibition and visual arts, in Abuja ...on Wednesday. Photo: Sam Adede

Demolition: Security operatives injure Glo, NDDC managers in Rivers

Itanga Isine, Port Harcourt

SOLDIERS and armed policemen on Tuesday beat up the Zonal Manager of Glo Mobile Limited, in Port Harcourt, Rivers State. Mr. Bashim Segit, and a Principal Manager with the Niger Delta Development Commission whose name could not be ascertained by press time.

Our correspondent learnt that trouble started when officials of the Rivers State Ministry of Urban Development, led by a director, went to the Glo regional office to demolish a perimeter fence which was constructed beyond the legal mark.

On arrival at the premises that shares a boundary with the NDDC headquarters complex, a lady, whose office is close to the telecommunications office, said the demolition team set to work with their bulldozers and trailers.

But just as the bulldozers started pulling down the fence, located on Aba Road Expressway, some staff of the telecommunications firm started recording it with their mobile phones and cameras.

According to the source, the leader of the demolition team was piqued by the development and demanded to know who authorised the recording.

Our sources said it was at that juncture, that the zonal manager of the telecoms firm came out to identify himself and said he ordered the recording.

Angered by the audacity of the manager, the state official gripped him by the shirt collar, dragging him. The official also ordered his staff to "deal" with some staff of the firm, who had come to rescue their colleague.

She said, "They came with bulldozers and nobody stopped them from pulling down the fence. What actually brought the problem was when people started recording the demolition."

When contacted, Segit said he was not competent to speak on the matter and asked our correspondent to direct queries to the Lagos office of the firm.

But the Head, Corporate Affairs of the NDDC, Mrs. Christy Atako, confirmed the assault on the principal manager and some other staff of the commission.