

# Two killed as hoodlums clash in Lagos community

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Lagos State Commissioner of Police, Jimoh Moshood. Credit: Lagos State Police Command...PHOTO: File

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Two persons have been confirmed dead following a clash between suspected hoodlums in the Agege area of Lagos State.

*PUNCH Metro* learnt that the violence, which involved rival factions, erupted on Monday after an argument that had reportedly begun on Sunday escalated.

The unrest spread across several parts of the community, including Ibido Street, Oke-Koto, Papa, Agbotikuyo, and Sofunde, forcing residents and traders to flee for safety.

An eyewitness, who identified himself simply as Tolu, told our correspondent on Wednesday that panic gripped the area as dozens of youths engaged in a violent confrontation.

“I saw about 50 young men fighting with dangerous weapons. Traders hurriedly locked their shops, while passersby and residents ran for safety,” he said.

Another resident, Abiola Kudirat, said the situation worsened when the hoodlums allegedly attacked a woman and her four children returning from a Murakat prayer during the ongoing fasting period.

“They seized her phone and harassed her. Her son refused to surrender his own phone and was stabbed in front of his mother. He was later rushed to the hospital,” she said.

Kudirat described the scene as chaotic, noting that many residents abandoned their activities as the violence intensified.

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“Before I got to my workplace at Iyana Ipaja, everywhere was already in confusion. It felt like a war zone,” she added.

A video obtained by PUNCH Metro showed groups of hoodlums moving through the area during the clash.

An anti-cultism advocacy platform, Confra Naija, in a post on Monday, suggested the violence was cult-related, identifying the deceased simply as “Suskid” and “Ika Chicken.”

According to the platform, one victim was killed on Sunday night, while the other died during Monday’s clash.

However, authorities have yet to officially confirm the identities of the victims or the cause of the violence.

Recent incidents have highlighted recurring clashes and disturbances in parts of Agege, raising concerns among residents over safety.

Efforts to get a reaction from the Lagos State Police Command were unsuccessful, as the Police Public Relations Officer, Abimbola Adebisi, did not respond to calls or a text message sent as of the time of filing this report.