

# Area Boys, FERMA clash in Oshodi

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**A**T least, two persons were yesterday feared dead and many others injured, when some miscreants popularly known as *Area Boys* clashed with officials of Federal Road Management Agency (FERMA) over "toll collection" at Oshodi, suburb of Lagos State.

The violent clash paralysed business activities and vehicular

movement in the ever-busy area, just as calm is said to have returned to the area following police intervention.

It is learnt that six persons have been arrested over the incident by the police.

Trouble started around 8 a.m, when motor park hoodlums resisted attempts by FERMA officials to force them out of the garage due to their vicious attacks on drivers and road users.

The hoodlums went wild

attacking FERMA's workers with dangerous weapons like knives, bottles, and machetes which forced people to flee the area.

Confirming the incident, the Lagos State Police spokesman, Mr Olubode Ojajumi said the situation was under control.

He said: "I am aware of the clash, no life was lost but some people were wounded, some of them have been arrested. We are investigating the matter, it was between touts and FERMA".

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