

2 feared dead in LASTMA, drivers fresh clash

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TWO persons were feared dead and several others wounded in yesterday's renewed clash between officials of Lagos State Transport Management Agency (LASTMA) and commercial bus drivers over alleged flouting of traffic rules.

This is even as Police in the state smashed a gang of armed robbery syndicate that specialised in snatching exotic cars in various parts of the metropolis.

Daily Champion learnt that the latest clash was triggered off by alleged killing of one of the commercial drivers at the

weekend, during a minor clash on same issue.

Our correspondent also gathered that unspecified number of the drivers, said to be protesting the death of their colleague, attacked LASTMA officials, wounding some of them.

As at press time, details of the identities of people killed and wounded were sketchy, but sources said, those killed were *area boys* who had cashed in on the incident to loot shops and stalls.

A reliable source told *Daily Champion* that the drivers, following the death of one of them in the weekend crisis,

converged on Fadeyi bus stop and attacked LASTMA officials along Fadeyi, Obanikoro, Maryland and its environs.

The clash however, caused pandemonium in the areas as passersby scampered for safety.

Social and economic activities were also brought to a halt as stretches of vehicular traffic dotted the Ikorodu road.

The crisis started last week when officials of LASTMA in a bid to ensure free flow of vehicular traffic in the area directed commercial bus drivers to henceforth comply with traffic rules by parking, loading and offloading at designated areas.