

# 3 killed as rival groups clash in Lagos

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**A**T LEAST three persons were feared dead at Owode, near Ikorodu, Lagos State when two rival social miscreants popularly known as *area boys* clashed over undisclosed reasons in the area.

Daily Champion learnt that four persons suspected to be masterminds of the fracas which paralysed social and economic activities in the area have been nabbed by the police. We further learnt that the incident would have turned more bloody, but for the prompt intervention of policemen from the nearby stations.

As at press time, the identities of the victims were not known but police source said, 'one of them was hit by a stray bullet, while returning from unknown place.'

However, a witness, who claimed to have escaped death by the whiskers during the clash said "the cause of the crisis was sequel to an incident that happened between two boys over girlfriends last week.

According to him, a member of the *area boys* gang identified as Sule was alleged to have snatched the girlfriend of his rival colleague and boasted that his opponent cannot do anything.

The boast of Sule our correspondent learnt, angered his opponent identified as Muyiwa, who quickly took the matter before the leaders of his group for peaceful resolution.

While Muyiwa and his group were deliberating on the matter, Sule allegedly mobilised his loyalists and attacked Muyiwa leading to the fracas.