

3 killed as NURTW, touts clash in Lagos

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NO fewer than three persons were feared dead and several others seriously wounded as two rival factions of National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) clashed at the ever bustling Oshodi market over N30.00 toll charge.

Also over 100 shops and makeshift stalls as well as several commuter buses were burnt during the mayhem which paralysed social and economic activities in the ever busy Oshodi bus stop, 16 persons have so far been arrested.

Our correspondent who visited the place further reports that the left hand of a middle aged man was chopped off by a member of the opposing camp. The hand fell on the ground while the man was rushed to a nearby hospital for urgent medical attention.

Daily Champion gathered that trouble started at about 6 o'clock in the morning when the rival NURTW factions on the Railway side of Oshodi confronted their counterparts, in charge of Bolade side of the market over toll collection.

It was gathered that the NURTW members have been enmeshed in a supremacy battle over which group would control the two sides of the market.

An eyewitness said a member of the group in charge of Bolade section confronted his colleague over N30.00 "Owo boys" (money for boys) earlier paid by a commercial bus driver.

The driver, according to our source, had paid the money to the group in charge of railway section and when the other camp asked him to pay again, he refused, resulting in the disagreement that ensued.