

Mob kill 2, burn houses, vehicle

TWO PERSONS WERE FEARED killed and houses as well as vehicle torched by irate mob who were protesting the death of their colleagues during a burial ceremony in Abule Egba, Lagos on Tuesday.

The angry youths including drivers and conductors as well as motor garage touts took over major roads at Abule, in Alimosho Local Government area of Lagos. They argued that the bus conductor was killed by a policeman who mistakenly fired a shot on the boy at close range.

Some of the protesters who spoke to Daily Champion said the cause of the death was alleged refusal of the conductor to give the police a bribe of N20.00.

Daily Champion gathered that the mob also blocked major road as well as damaged the police van to avenge the death of their colleague.

But a source said the conductor and his driver parked at a place so as to join his colleagues for the wake keep of one of them, who died

in an auto crash. He said a police man jumped out from a mobile police patrol van and demanded for money. "As of then, the driver had left the police man and went to join others but the police who saw some squeezed money with the conductor, because he was the one holding money, mistakenly fired in an attempt to hold the him. Another witness said trouble started when the late conductor, identified as Kazeem allegedly failed to stop to pay the routine road fee, of N20.00, charged by police at the police check point, near the scene of the incident. An act which made the police to pursue them untill they parked the bus.

The source said his failure to pay the money allegedly angered the policeman as he purportedly pulled his trigger and shot him at a close range. The victim allegedly died instantly which provoked the youths and other drivers to protest.

The protesters, purportedly blocked all roads and insisted that

the policeman that pulled the trigger and his colleagues must receive jungle justices. The police man and his colleagues escaped as the mob wielded offensive weapons.

Our source who further pleaded for anonymity said the activities of the protesters caused a major traffic jams at the ever busy Lagos-Abeokuta Express road as well as stampedes, as people ran for safety. He added that the protesters also wielded dangerous weapons such as knives, cutlass irons and bottles.

The protesters who also chanted war songs waged war against police along the road. In a similar development youths from, Ishaga in Agege, another suburb of the metropolis engaged in a protest last Saturday to protest the death of four persons who were killed while sharing money given to them by a politician. The youths allegedly destroyed houses and vehicles at the area. Police Public Relations Officer Mr. Samuel Jinadu said only one person was reportedly death.