

Two killed as butchers, Area Boys clash

Two people were killed on Thursday in a clash between a gang of area boys and butchers in Ogun State on Thursday.

Passers-by were sent running for their lives as the two groups fought in Sango Otta. Several others sustained injuries.

Reports monitored by Odua Trust in Lagos revealed that the trouble began when an area boy named Alube Dipo allegedly beat up a girl friend of one of the butchers in the area. Triggered by the incident, the boy friend of the girl identified as Mr Ojo Salami mobilized his fellow butchers who then sharpened their knives for a show down with the Area boys at their location; and a fierce fight ensued. The crisis led to the closure of markets in the area.

The Sango Otta Police Area Commander, Mr Deji Adebajo and the Divisional Police Officer, Mr Wale Olokode were at the scene of the clash. Armed mobile policemen were immediately drafted and twenty people were arrested.

Adebajo warned that his men are ever ready to face anybody or group that try to disturb peace in the area, and advised community leaders to preach against violent acts particularly that the nation is in an electioneering period.

Some of the butchers who narrated their ordeal said it has become a regular phenomenon for the Area

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boys to find ways of confronting them, and vowed to respond accordingly. "We cannot sit and watch these small boys taking us for granted," warned, Ahmedu Adedeji, a butcher at Sango market.

The clash left several kiosks destroyed. Traders said their stalls were looted by the Area boys.

School rewards for fasting in

Young pupils have been rewarded for their observation of the last Ramadan fasting, Al-Hikmat Nursery/primary, Agege, Lagos crowned two six year olds 'the king and queen of fasting' at the event which took place at the school compound at Adedosu street, Keke, Agege.

In the boys category, 6-year old Mustapha Misbahudeen was crowned the king for missing only one day of fasting, while in the girls category, another 6-year old child, Miriam Ibrahim emerged the queen for missing only two days of the 30 days fasting during Ramadan.

The event which was the highlight of activities marking the "Get Together", for children which the school