

Five killed in Oshodi

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Five persons are believed to have been killed in Oshodi yesterday when rival groups of transport unions and motors park touts popularly known as Agberos engaged themselves in serious battle to take over control of the ever busy market.

The Lagos State police spokesman, Mr Olubode Ojajuni told *Daily Trust* that more than forty people have been arrested during the crisis in which several vehicles and houses were set ablaze including the Nigeria Railway police building.

The clash which paralysed commercial activities throughout yesterday also left scores of commuters and traders injured.

Daily Trust gathered that the fight was between supporters of a notorious gang leader and those who were oppose the leadership of the park leader.

During the fight, dangerous weapons like cutlasses, knives, guns and broken bottles were freely used by the gangs.

The clash also left several persons injured, majority are now in various hospitals undergoing treatment.

During the crisis the Lagos State police command dispatched a large number of mobile policemen to the area. Led by the Deputy Commissioner of police in charge of operations, Mr. Olisa, the policemen engaged several strategies to calm the situation.

As at the time of filling this report the situation in the entire Oshodi was still tense, the whole area has since been deserted by traders and motorists.

Broken bottles and weapons left behind by the gangs litter the streets.