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Gang war claims one at Area 1

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ONE person was confirmed dead and another set ablaze in a gang war that began Monday night and spilled over to yesterday morning.

Our reporter learnt that the fight between the Yan Gwoza and Yan Bola groups at Area 1, Abuja claimed the life of one Jonathan, while Danjummai received severe burns.

An eye witness, Iliyasu Musa, said at about 6 am yesterday, members of Yan Gwoza group received information that the

Yan Bola group invaded their den over the night and killed one of their members, leaving others injured.

"The Yan Gwoza reorganized themselves and went in search of the other group, which later culminated into a fight under the bridge at Area 1," the witness said.

He said substance suspected to be fuel was poured on a member of Yan Bola group and the victim set ablaze.

"The victim, Danjummai, ran to the police clinic and was later referred to a General Hospital because of the seriousness of the burns.

Reacting, FCT Police Command's Spokesperson, Mr Jimoh Moshood, a deputy superintendent, disclosed that the incident was reported to the Garki Police Station in the early hours of Tuesday and the police immediately rushed to the scene and recovered the corpse.

Mr Moshood explained further that the corpse was rushed to a general hospital for post mortem examination, while some policemen rushed to rescue another person who was set ablaze by suspected members of the other faction.

He said the rescued man sustained some degrees of burns and

is receiving treatment at a general hospital, while enough intelligence reports have already been gathered for arrests to be made.

According to the spokesperson, 'although the factions are non-criminal gangs but scavengers, the police force has the logistics to deal with such notoriety and members of the public should assist by giving vital information on their activities in order to check a recurrence of the clash'.

He warned members of the gang to take note that nobody has monopoly of violence, adding that the police will deal decisively with any trouble maker.

Vice-Chairman of Yan Gwoza

group, Alhaji Ali Turkwa Aka Shata, said two members of his group were attacked on Monday night by members of Yan Bola group, which led to the death of one Jonathan after he was stabbed to death.

He said one Abuti escaped with physical injuries, adding that a report was made at Garki Police Station, where policemen accompanied them to recover the corpse and take the injured victim to the hospital.

The vice-chairman also confirmed that he received reports of a reprisal attack by his gang on a Yan Bola member, who was set ablaze.