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5 feared killed as hoodlums battle over jetty

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No fewer than five persons were yesterday feared killed and several others injured in a free for all fight that erupted between factional leaders of two transport unions at Etegi area of Ojo, Lagos. Among those who were injured are a fish seller and her 12-year-old daughter who were actually on their way out when fighting started around noon yesterday.

It was gathered that trouble started between members of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) from Shiniri and those attached to the Road Transport Employers Association of Nigeria (RTEAN) operating at Etegi, last week over the collection of tolls from

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tipper drivers loading sand at the only jetty in the area.

An impeccable source said efforts by community leaders in the area to broker peace between the warring factions collapsed on Monday night following a sharp disagreement among the groups over the preferred terms of settlement.

The Lagos State Acting Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), Damasus Ozoani said only one person died while seven others were injured during the crisis.



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