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# Two feared killed, many injured as traders, hoodlums clash at Alaba market

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All hell was let loose yesterday in a bloody war that erupted between suspected motor park touts and some traders at the popular Alaba International Market, Ojo, area of Lagos.

At least two yet-to-be-identified persons were said to have been killed and many others were injured in the bloody clash which erupted around 9am.

Several traders who had opened up for business before the incident quickly closed shops for fear of being caught up in the crossfire.

Eyewitness accounts had it that scores of hoodlums had attempted to overrun the market union taskforce on Tuesday, but their moves were

fiercely resisted.

The entire market area starting from Ojo Local Government secretariat was completely deserted when our correspondent visited yesterday.

However, a combined team of policemen from the state anti-crime unit, the Rapid Response Squad (RRS) and soldiers from Ojo have been drafted to the area.

When contacted, the Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, Benjamin Hundeyin, said the crisis was between some traders and motor park touts.

Recalled that the state government had recently banned the activities of the two major transport unions operating in the state.