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Two Die, Many Injured As Rival Cults Battle For Supremacy, Loot Shops In Lagos





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Two persons were said to have died and several others wounded in a bloody war that erupted between two rival cult gangs in Ijora Badia area of Lagos state on Tuesday.

The cult gang members, Aiye and Eiye, have been at war for quite a while now, Daily Trust gathered.

Tuesday's clash saw the hoodlums carting away mobile phones and accessories from looted shops while passersby were also attacked by the urchins.

It was learnt that shops looted include E-Plus Global Communication Ltd located along Fadaini



The attack, which climaxed this evening, started from Fadaini road and Oke-Eri Community, and later spread to other areas.

It was learnt that the rival gangs had engaged themselves in a bloody war since last Sunday.

The rival groups identified as Suara and Railway boys, according to our reporter's findings are members of the "Aiye" and "Eiye" Confraternity.

According to witness account, the Railway boys, who are mainly of "Aiye" confraternity had killed one Akin Ajayi (a.k.a Akile), who was butchered during a clash on Sunday night at Baale street.

Identified as the ring leader of "Eiye" Confraternity in the area, he was said to have



their opponent in Railway area, where an innocent person was shot dead during a cross fire.

It was reliably learnt that his corpse was removed and deposited in a public morgue by police operatives from Badia Police Station.

Not satisfied, the Saura boys, according to the source, stormed Railway line around noon today to retaliate the killing of their leader.

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Our correspondent gathered that they were however repelled by some soldiers attached to the workers of China Civil Engeering and Construction Company working on the Iganmu railway track.



worth thousands of Naira carted away.

They further proceeded to Fadaini Road where they carted away mobile phones, accessories and other items estimated to worth about N1million.

Other adjoining shops were also said to have been attacked by the hoodlums where they made away with yet to be estimated cash and goods.

Our correspondent who visited the area at about 3:00pm sighted the DPO Badia Division and his operatives at the extreme end of Baale street dismantling the wooden bridge through which the miscreants link themselves.

Also, at the police station, our correspondent sighted Mrs. Odusola who was filing a formal complaint about the looting of her shop.

In a telephone chat, the police spokesman in Lagos state, DSP Bala Elkana, said he was yet to be briefed on the incident and asked our correspondent to call back. He's yet to return the phone as at the time of filing this report.

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