

Bloody clash claims one in Shagamu

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The peace of Sagamu, Ogun State, was broken again yesterday, as there was a violent clash between a security group and alleged pipeline vandals, resulting in the killing of a 28-year-old

butcher, Jamiu Bello.

Daily Times Nigeria inquest revealed that the clash also saw a police station at Sabo area of the town set ablaze, while shops, hotels and more than 10 vehicles in the area were vandalised.

A visit by our correspondent to the town also

revealed remains of burnt tyres and broken bottles littering major roads in such places as Akarigbo, Ijoku and Agura areas. Roads were deserted.

As at the time of this report, there were two different accounts of the clash. One said the clash was caused by the anti-oil pipeline vandalism team's attack on some hotels; but the state government stated that the town was attacked by some cult members.

Speaking with newsmen, Emmanuel Adesanya, an eyewitness, alleged that the problem started when the anti-pipeline vandalism team forcibly entered a hotel at midnight on Wednesday.

He said that the team, after scaling the gate of the hotel, stated that they were looking for oil pipeline vandals and broke into one of the rooms; adding that thereafter, the team went to two other hotels in the town for similar operations.

Daily Times Nigeria further gathered that the actions of the team on Tuesday night led to a reprisal attack on its members on Wednesday morning by a vigilance group, a development which led to free for all fight.



his entourage at the VIP wing of the Murtala Muhammed

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