

Three feared dead as transport unions clash in Lagos

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VIOLENCE broke out yesterday in Mushin area of Lagos between two factions of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW), during which three persons may have died.

It was the usual struggle for supremacy, the Lagos State Police Commissioner, Emmanuel Adebayo, told journalists yesterday.

He said: "The fighting in Mushin was all about struggle for leadership between two factions in the NURTW. We have moved in and our men are on ground to keep the peace in that area. There is no cause for alarm."

The police boss assured that a team of policemen from Mopol 20, and 22 were moved to the area. *The Guardian* learnt that three persons must have been killed during the clash.

The NURTW members displayed lethal weapons at will. Cutlasses, bottles and charms were freely used.

Adebayo said the Mobile police team would remain there pending when the union members express willingness to keep the peace.

Meanwhile, about 10 persons involved in the clash were arrested by the Area E Police Command in Mushin.

More arrests, according to the Lagos State Police Spokesman, Mr. Olubode Ojajuni will be made as investigations developed.

"We shall not tolerate any clash between persons or groups especially this period in the state."