

Three die in AC, PDP clash in Lagos

YET another round of hostilities broke out yesterday in Lagos between suspected hoodlums of two political parties in the state, the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and Action Congress (AC).

By the time the skirmishes, which started as early as 7 a.m. at Free-

man Street, Lagos Island subsided, three persons were feared dead and several others seriously wounded.

Commercial activities at the busy Island were forced to a halt by the bloody clash, as people found it practically impossible to open their shops, offices or even

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display wares in their stalls.

The Guardian was informed that the renewed violence was a spill-over of an earlier one in the Epe area of the state last Sunday, in which many supporters of a political party were

reportedly injured after receiving machete wounds.

The violence yesterday forced the State Police Command to deploy a team of anti-riot mobile policemen in the area.

To avert further violence ahead the Saturday elections, the newly appointed Commissioner

of Police in Lagos State, Mr Bashiru Azeez, has invited all the governorship candidates, party chairmen, traditional rulers and religious leaders for a final security meeting today at the Senior Officers Mess, Ikeja GRA.

The new police chief issued the invitation yesterday morning before he travelled to Abuja for a security meeting. The meeting will kick off by 4.00 p.m. today.

The former Commissioner of Police, Mr Emmanuel Adebayo, had

called for a similar meeting, but the major contestants from the leading political parties shunned the move.

However, security has been beefed up across Lagos ahead the elections and all policemen deployed in the state have arrived, a senior police source disclosed.

Another source told *The Guardian* that about 15 suspected thugs had been arrested following yesterday's clash on the island and were being detained at the Lion Building Police Division.

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