

The Braithwaite family, Oluyele his first son (right), Omowunmi, the widow, Dr. Grace Braithwaite, Olaoluwa and Ebun during the service of songs

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home with a bra and pant wife that he still loves her.

One dies as OPC, hoodlums clash in Ajegunle

By **Odita Sunday**

AMAN identified as Rasheed Olanrewaju, 31, has been killed and two others injured after vigilance group members of the Oodua People's Congress (OPC) and hoodlums clashed in Ajegunle, a Lagos suburb.

The incident, which occurred around 10.00pm on Tuesday at Arumo Street, caused panic among residents as buildings were torched by the rampaging youth.

Olanrewaju, a labourer at Wharf was said to have gone

out to buy something to eat when stray bullet from the OPC group hit him on his chest, killing him instantly.

Trouble was said to have started after the OPC members refused to give the youths their share of money collected from a land developer.

It was gathered that an OPC leader in the area identified as Ezekiel collected money from a man, who wanted to develop his land in the area, without settling other groups, who went to the man

for their share.

But their demand was swiftly turned down by the developer, who disclosed that he has given huge sum of money to the said Ezekiel for settlement of the 'boys', prompting the hoodlums to engage the members of the vigilance group in a duel.

It was gathered that the fight lasted over two hours, with residents scampering to safety for fear of being hit by stray bullets. Residents of Ezie Street, Ugbonwankwo and adjoining streets took

cover inside their homes as sporadic gunshots were fired by each faction. They were also said to have thrown bottles and other dangerous weapons without caution.

Confirming the incident, the state command's spokesperson, Dolapo Badmos, said two suspects have already been arrested. "There was a fight between area boys and Vigilante group members at Arumo Street in Ajegunle over 'Omonile' money.

"The Commander of the Vigilante group allegedly collected the money and refused to share with the area boys. As a result, the hoodlums attacked the vigilantes and set their office on fire, as well as a nearby kiosk. In the process, the vigilantes shot and killed one person.

"However, the police have gone to the scene and restored calm. Two persons were arrested, while two live and four expended cartridges were recovered. The case is under investigation," she said.



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