

# Three Killed In Ikorodu As Land Speculators Clash

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Uneasy calm pervaded the sleepy town of Ikorodu on Tuesday night and early Wednesday morning when a horde of land speculators engaged each other in a bloody clash over an undisclosed amount of money offered a faction.

There are two versions as to what led to the mayhem. The first account said trouble started on Tuesday morning at a building site situated at Club Sheriff where work on the decking of a property allegedly belonging to a prominent medical practitioner was to commence. Some land speculators popularly referred to as 'Omo Onile' allegedly collected some money as a prelude to commencing work.

However, another group which felt outwitted by the first, arrived only to be told that the owner of the building had settled.

This irked the second group, believed to be the authentic and the members decided to go after the first group during which a fierce fighting ensued. It was brought under control by the swift intervention of armed policemen attached to Igbogbo Road Divisional Headquarters, Ikorodu.

The group that collected the money was said to have suffered more casualties but it later launched a reprisal attack, which culminated in serious bloodbath during which dangerous weapons such as guns, machetes, clubs and charms were freely used.

The clash started at mid-night and continued the next day.

For the quick response of armed policemen led by the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) in charge of Igbogbo Road Division, Mr Samuel Adebowale Alonge, normalcy has been restored in the area.

However, the other version had it that, a young man, who was arrested early last year for stealing a mobile handset and jailed but has regained freedom, sparked off the clash.

The ex-convict was alleged to have threatened to deal with the man that sent him to jail.

The DPO confirmed the incident and said a reinforcement of armed mobile policemen had been stationed into stave off imminent reprisal attack by any aggrieved party.

Similarly, armed thugs

operating as land speculators overran a village in Ikorodu on Monday afternoon. As a result, residents of the village and its head were forced to abscond.

The thugs, who came in 14 buses at 2.00 afternoon, invaded Ladegeboye Village, along Ijede Road, Ikorodu and started shooting sporadically into the air.

Four ladies were suspected raped, while property worth millions of naira were allegedly carted away by the thugs.

Sources said that the thugs feigned as if they had come to paste a court injunction on behalf of a plaintiff to the Baaleship tussle in the village, before they changed their initial plan.

Nonetheless, all residents of the village, including the head had absconded for fear of being attacked.

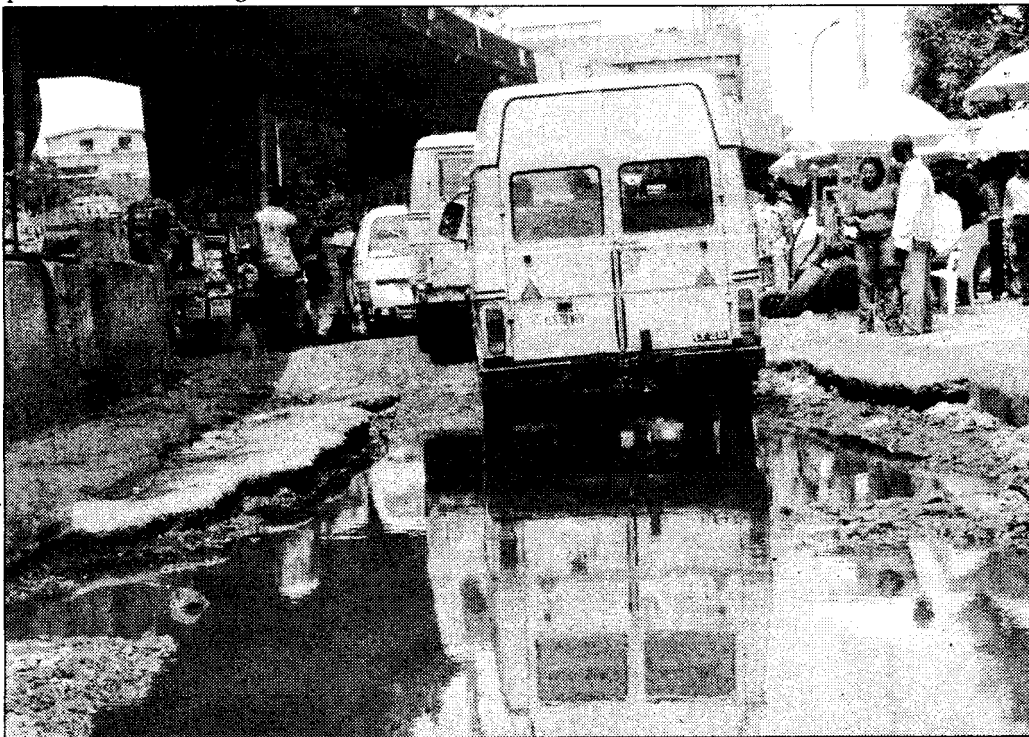
## Community Gets Library

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City Professors Educational Foundation (CPEF) has commissioned a community library to assist pupils of Yaba community, Lagos develop their reading and increase learning skill.

According to the chairperson of CPEF, Mrs Olusolabomi Fatunmbi, the foundation was established three years ago to assist the less privileged students by providing them with their educational needs. "The CPEF is a foundation with the aim of assisting the less privileged students who might end up on the streets given the level of poverty in the country that is the reason we are donating this community library", she said.

Also speaking at the event, chairman, Board of Directors, Mrs. Grace Alele-Williams encouraged teachers to assist their pupils learn by using learning motivating methods while teaching.



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