



• Executive Director, Office of the First Lady, Maimuna Momodu (left), Edo state Governor, Adams Oshiomhale (middle), and a widow, Elizabeth Jimoh, at the empowerment of 846 widows by Edo State Government, on Thursday.

Three feared killed, others injured in Oshodi urchins clash

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THREE persons were feared killed and others critically injured when some street urchins, popularly known as area boys, clashed on Thursday at Oshodi bus-stop in Lagos.

Reasons for the bloody clash was not immediately clear as at the press time, but sources said the area boys, who were probably acting on illicit drugs were arguing about the political situations in the country, which even-

tuallly degenerated to a free-for-all-fight, where dangerous weapons were used.

Told *Daily Independent* on phone that the clash, in which dane guns, bottles, and other dangerous weapons were freely used, was triggered by the ongoing leadership tussle among officials of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) at the popular bus terminus.

To sign-post the fierceness of the bloody clash and the ensuing pandemonium clash which lasted for hours,

Police officers, detailed to maintain peace in the area allegedly ran for their dear lives, when the situation became uncontrollable.

Commuters, motorists and traders were seen around the nearby Bolade bus-stop running in different directions, even as there was a logjam along some routes around Oshodi.

While confirming the clash on phone, Kenneth Nwosu, Lagos police image maker disclosed that undercover and uniform police

officers have been drafted from all police stations and command headquarters in Ikeja to condone off the area.

Nwosu, a Deputy Superintendent of Police further disclosed that the police have been able to bring the situation under control and have started investigations into the incident.

He however declined to speak on the number of persons either killed or injured saying it is too early to collate information on casualties.