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Mayhem was unleashed on hapless tricycle operators on Tuesday April 2, 2019, at the Mosalashi Bus Stop, Alakuko area of Lagos leaving two people killed and several operators wounded.

The incident was triggered by the tricycle operators' factional leaders following a disagreement bothering on levies.

Speaking exclusively with Daily Independent, Alhaji Abiola Azeez, who is the chairman of the National Union of Road Transport Workers - NURTW for Agbado-Oke-Odo, said the leadership of the Tricycle operators in Lagos state is

presently having differences leading to serious security challenges both to the operators and the general public.

Azeez said the situation led to various skirmishes, forceful takeover of rival parks, backstabbing, and deadly clashes of the factions especially in the Agbado-Oke-Odo area.

According to him, the situation grew worse and was getting out of control before the state government clamped down on the tricycle union leadership restraining them from exercising control over the affairs of the union in the area.

Azeez said: "The state government therefore handed over the control of tricycle operators within the area to the NURTW which happened to be my under my responsibility to manage the tricycle union, ridding it of any rancor, crisis and in-fighting became a task I assumed with all sincerity for over three years now but some of their leaders are hell bent on scuttling this peaceful arrangement for selfish reasons." He explained.

The Chairman said this particular attack unleashed on innocent tricycle

operators was caused by a particular faction flaunting the order of the state government by sending their agents to the parks to forcefully collect levies from the operators.

He explained that the criminal action was discovered and stopped by the NURTW and without notice they came with this bloody attack on Tuesday.

"Bullets were flying everywhere while people scamper for safety but one Shakiru Bashiru and another operator were not as lucky as they were killed in the process.

## Two Killed, Scores Wounded In Attack On Tricycle Operators

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