

One Dead, Others Injured As Rival Gangs Clash In Minna

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Joint operations of the Army, Police, Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) and Local Vigilantes have intensified patrol of Minna metropolis and environs to check escalating rival war between gangsters from some hamlets in Minna, the state capital and its environs.

Renewed hostilities in the cult/gangster's tussle for supremacy between Limawa and Angwan-Daji, all within Minna metropolis stemmed from a failed relationship between a boy from Angwan-Daji and his lover from Limawa.

The strained relationship be-

tween the Angwan-Daji boy, said to be one of the leaders of the gang in the area and his girlfriend from Limawa over the decision of the girls' parents to give her out in marriage against his wish was said to have sparked-off the war.

Daily Independent investigations revealed that trouble started when the arrow-head confronted the family of his supposed girlfriend whom he had kept for about five years without proposing marriage to her.

Worried by the development and the discovery that the boy has no known means of survival, the family of the girl decided to give her out in marriage to another suitor because, 'this boy has not shown any commitment to marrying our daughter,' the source explained.

This singular decision by the parents of the girl, our correspondent further gathered, did not go down well with the boy who in an attempt to avenge the family's decision mobilised his gang members and confronted the family of his now, ex-girlfriend.

Resolving to 'teach the family a lesson,' the lover boy whose name could not be ascertained as at the time of this report allegedly unleashed his gang on the family of his ex-girlfriend at the back of the popular Obasanjo Shopping Complex, Minna, stabbed her father and left some other family members with various degrees of injury.

Already, a life had been lost and many others, including the father of the girl severely injured.

This, our correspondent learnt, prompted a reprisal attack from 'Limawa boys' challenging the audacity of the Angwan-Daji lover and his gang to have invaded their territory over an issue that is his own making and trying to get away with it.

Over the weekend, the gangsters' battle turned into full blown free for all that shifted to Okada Road through Bosso area with some of them using dangerous weapons against one another thereby causing obstruction of human and vehicular movements.

Though the Police could not confirm the death of one of the gangsters days after, our correspondent's finding indicated that there might be more than one life lost with different accounts of what transpired within the rival groups.

Meanwhile, as the gangs mobilise for more attacks, Niger State Police command has warned parents and guardians to call their wards to order as, 'Enough is Enough' of threats to the peaceful co-existence of residents of Minna metropolis and environs.