



Oshodi Mayhem: Faction Plans Another Attack As Another Member Dies

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The fight between two factions of motor park touts known as 'agbero' in Oshodi area of Lagos State which claimed no fewer than three lives since about a week ago is not over yet as a faction is planning another attack.

Several people were wounded and 10 mini-buses were so far set ablaze.

LEADERSHIP gathered that the hoodlums were fighting over a portion of land under Oshodi Bridge, near the Mosafejo Police Station.

One of the factions controls Ilupeju part

of the Oshodi Garage while the other controls the Mosafejo Park. The bone of contention is the portion of land under Oshodi Bridge, which had been under the control of the Mosafejo faction.

Our reporter played an undercover role yesterday when one of the touts called Ade had this to say in a bar: "It is the bridge that demarcated us from the other faction. We are angry that enemies alone are controlling under the bridge. We want the bridge shared into two. Let them control one part and we will control one part but they refused. One of us just died in the night. This

fight is not over yet. We are going to chase them away. We are going to hire 'bad boys' with turkey hands (meaning pistols) and attack them. Police will arrest till they will be tired of arrest. They have arrested so many people. They arrested over 30 people but we are not afraid of going to prison".

Meanwhile, the battle of supremacy and rivalry took a dangerous dimension last week Thursday when they attacked themselves, killing one person, burning two commercial buses beside the bridge, smashing windcreens of many vehicles and looting properties of innocent people.