

1 killed In Fresh Lagos Oshodi Bloody Clash

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At least one person was killed and many others injured yesterday in Oshodi area of Lagos State, when some street urchins, popularly known as 'area boys', clashed at the ever crowded Oshodi bus-stop in the state.

Within a month, two bloody clashes had erupted in the axis, bringing the death toll recorded in both clashes to four persons.

Our correspondent learnt that the streets were deserted during the clash, in which axes, guns, bottles, and other dangerous weapons were freely used.

The commuters were forced to flee to safety from the area that is known for violence and all sorts of criminal activities.

Although the reasons for the bloody clash was not immediately clear as at the press time, sources said that the area boys, who were probably acting on illicit drugs, were arguing about the collection of tolls at the park.

An eye witness said the arguments eventually degenerated to a free-for-all fight, where dangerous weapons were used.

Another eye witness said the crisis may have been triggered by the on-going leadership tussle among officials of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) at the lucrative Oshodi bus terminus.

In the ensuing pandemonium which lasted for hours, our correspondent learnt that the first batch of Police officers, detailed to maintain peace in the area, allegedly fled the area for their dear lives, when the situation became uncontrollable before they reinforced and came back.

The crises also caused traffic logjam along some routes around Oshodi axis of the state.

As at the time of filing this report, it was gathered that the area had become calm after the thugs unleashed mayhem on the residents and commuters.

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