

One killed in street gangs clash in Lagos

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One person was killed and five others injured yesterday at Fadeyi in Lagos, when rival factions of street gangs clashed.

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The fight was reportedly triggered by the invasion of a faction member into the territory of the other. The clash allegedly started on Tuesday night.

Police spokesman Samuel Jinadu confirmed the killing and said policemen from the State Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) are combing the area for suspects.

He said 94 suspects had been arrested by SARS and that they would soon be prosecuted.

Jinadu said a team of anti-riot policemen had been deployed in the scene to ensure that peace is restored.

It was gathered that the recent crises started when one of the street urchins wanted to board a commercial bus at the end of the 'enemy territory' when he was attacked and killed.

The group, which the deceased belonged to, carried out a reprisal attack.

Sources said during an exchange of fire by the urchins, an unidentified man was hit by a stray bullet in the leg at Ibadan Street, Ilupeju and was rushed to a hospital for treatment.

Other streets affected are Ojurini, Shelon Road and Idera, where four others were injured.

Pupils of the Eloquent Nursery and Primary School were asked to go home.

A police source said the crises were caused by members of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) because of their coming election.

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According to the source, the factions are just trying to intimidate each other in order to have an upper hand during the elections.

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