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.

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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.

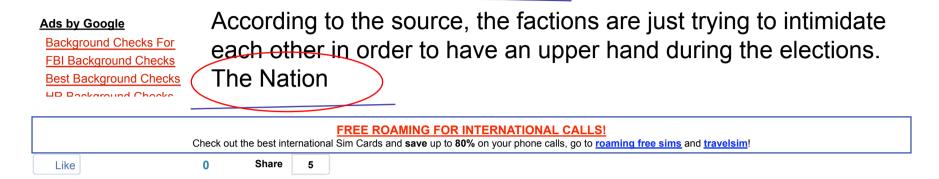
The group, which the deceased belonged to, carried out a reprisal attack.

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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