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# Two feared dead, 10 injured in cults' clash

By Precious  
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**T**WO persons were feared dead and 10 others injured in a cults' clash in Ketu, a Lagos suburb, at the weekend. Properties worth millions of naira were destroyed.

The clash, which continued till yesterday, was said to have started as a result of a long-standing feud between the Eiye Confraternity and a gang known as KK.

Sources said things got worse during the New Year's Day carnival tagged: "Westside Carnival", when a fight broke out between the groups in

which two members of the KK cult were killed.

"Last Friday, the two gangs engaged in a free-for-all attacking each other with guns, machetes and other dangerous weapons around Taike Street and two members of the KK gang were killed in the process.

"On Saturday night, the KK boys revenged at Cele Bus Stop, an Eiye's territory and insisted on killing two people as well.

"The painful thing is that innocent people were not

spared as some of them were assaulted by the thugs.

"If they were just fighting and killing themselves, it is their business but attacking innocent residents who are going about their businesses is very wrong," a source said.

The Nation gathered that Aladelola, Jimoh Balogun, Love All and Sonaike Streets were the most affected, as pieces of broken glasses and bottles littered these areas.

A victim on Aladelola Street, who gave his name as Yakubu Aremu, said: "Seven shops were vanda-

lised. I have just moved into this area and will open my shop for the first time on Monday. I have no money to repair these damages because I have spent all my money on rent and purchase of wares. They also destroyed about three cars and two tricycles belonging to other people."

Another victim said: "I was in a commercial bus around 11pm when some thugs accosted us. They started slapping some of the passengers, ordered us out and collected all our valuables. Because they took my phone, I could not make a call. But when I got

home, I called the policemen at Ketu Station who got there about three hours later and chased the boys away.

"However, we learnt that they started fighting again around 5:30am with weapons until a team of policemen came to pursue them."

Worshippers at a Pentecostal Church near Cele Bus Stop said it has become a normal thing for hoodlums to cause mayhem in the area.

They decried the inability of the police to arrest the hoodlums who have formed a habit of terrorising people. They alleged that the bus stop was fast becoming a hotbed for criminals.

"When we were renovating our church, the hoodlums were coming to disturb us for money they called 'Owo Ile'. The hoodlums extort everyone in the area every time and I think it's time the police authorities looked into the matter.

"It is necessary for the police command to deploy men of the Special Anti-Robbery Squad to address the situation because this area is not safe anymore," he said.

**Be proactive about security, lawmaker urges Fed Govt**

By Ozlegbe Okoeki

DEPUTY Whip of the Lagos State House of Assembly, Hon. Rotimi Abiru has urged the Federal



•Principal Counsel, Dairo and Co, Mr Adisa Dairo (second left) speaking at a lecture on the Concept of Justice under man-made laws and the laws of Allah at the Lagos State House of Assembly Mosque... at the weekend. With him are Alhaji Naheem Junaid-Eko (left); Alhaji Wale Thabit Sonaike (second right) and Abdul-Salam Abbas.

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