

One killed in hoodlums, tricyclists clash

One person was killed and scores injured on Tuesday night street urchins popularly called *area boys* and tricycle operators clashed in Ajegunle, the popular Lagos suburb.

It was gathered that the urchins attacked the tricycle operators over some charges, a fee which the latter insisted, was not part of their daily payment.

Eyewitnesses told *The Nation* that when some operators reported the matter to their union, they were told not to pay.

“The *area boys* were demanding a certain ‘settlement’ which the executives of the tricyclists’ association refused to meet. This angered the *area boys* who started attacking them”, a source said.

It was learnt that the hoodlums went on the rampage, attacking the tricycle operators and their passengers.

They also looted shops and dispossessed residents of their valuables. Traders on the street and the nearby Boundary Market hurriedly closed their shops.

It was gathered that initially, the tricycle executives at Orodu Unit were intimidated by the invading *area boys*.

They, however, went back and reinforced for a free-for-all in which one of them was killed and others injured.

