

Two feared dead, seven injured in gang war



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Two persons were yesterday feared dead and seven others injured in a gang war at Morgan on Itire Road, Mushin, Lagos.

The fight, *The Nation* learnt, started around noon.

Eyewitnesses said about 100 hoodlums stormed NEPA bus stop on Itire Road, fighting with weapons.

They also attacked anyone at sight.

Broken bottles littered the road.

“They started chasing themselves. Many scampered for safety. We don’t know what happened. People quickly locked their shops and houses, watching through the windows,” a witness, who simply identify himself as Segun, said.

A trader, Kemi Ojo, described the sight as “gory.”

She said: "I saw about 10 persons pursuing a guy around Morgan. The boy slipped and fell. They stabbed him with knives and broken bottles for about 10 minutes. I doubt if the guy can survive. Some people later came to rush him to a hospital around Idi-Araba. Go there (pointing towards a place), you will see his blood littering the place."

A bus conductor, Shola Ajayi, said another person was killed earlier near NEPA bus stop.

He said some boys came to take the body away.

An *Okada* rider said some of the boys had been arrested.

"I don't know the number of people arrested, but I saw them (policemen) arresting some of those boys. I wonder what this world is turning to. The hoodlums are teenagers. Don't they have parents? Where are their mothers? They should be in school by the time they were fighting," he said.

The Nation asked one of the three policemen that stood by a police van near Morgan bus stop if anybody has been arrested.

"We got here not quite long. We received calls that some boys were disturbing the peace of the community. That was why we came," he replied.

The policeman could not confirm if anyone had been arrested.

The Nation saw the stabbed boy's body at the hospital.

Some people simply identified him as Sule.

The doctor told them to get his family to take him away.

His younger brother in school uniform wept profusely.

A relative, who do not want to be named, said: "He was supposed to be in school. I don't know what he was doing outside school by that time."

Police spokesman Chike Oti, a Chief Superintendent (CSP), told *The Nation* that there was a fracas between two sets of *area boys* on Itire Road.

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According to him, policemen from Area 'D' Command were drafted there to restore peace.

"Ten suspects have been arrested. They are helping us in our investigation," Oti said.