

4 killed in Lagos crisis

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LAGOS Island area of Lagos State has been boiling with a continuous bloody clashes in the last one week which has resulted in the death of four persons.

Also, 17 others including two teenagers are said to be nursing injuries sustained during the mayhem which has suspended business activities at the popular Balogun market, Idumota, Nnamdi Azikwe, Breadfruit, Akanni, Ereko, Martins, Tom-Jones area of Idumagbo avenue axis and other adjacent streets in the metropolis.

Several dangerous weapons like locally made pistols, dane guns, matchets, Knives and broken bottles are said to be freely used during the clashes allegedly instigated by thugs suspected to be of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) gubernatorial candidate in the

state, Senator Musiliu Obanikoro camp.

It was reliably gathered that two boys and a girl who were at a night party, along Martins street (popularly referred to as Oluwole) were shot dead with dane gun fired by the intruders who allegedly came from Balogun area last Sunday.

About 14 others who sustained injuries as a result of the gun shot were said to have been rescued by a traditional medical practitioner in a private hospital at the metropolis who assisted in extracting the bullets from their bodies.

Also, an average of two persons (youths) were being shot on daily basis by different groups of the social miscreants and political thugs in the metropolis.

The most sympathetic of the killings was the massacre of a 22 year-old boy identified as Sikiru Salami, a tailor at Oluwole area who was accosted at Tom-Jones area last Wednesday night while returning home after watching the European Football league match by some miscreants who were alleged to have come from 'SOBO base'.

The deceased whose body was abandoned in front of his shop last Thursday morning made all the traders at Martins, Balogun, Ereko, Nnamdi Azikwe Tom-Jones and Breadfruit Street to close their shops as some Area Boys used the opportunity to attack passersby and robbed them of their personal belongings.

Our correspondent who visited the Kester Police Station at Oluwole to speak with the Divisional Police Officer was met with padlocked gate, while people passing through the area were turned back by a stern-looking plain cloth policeman.

The remains of the deceased has however been buried at a burial ground in the metropolis by friends and sympathizers who were said to have vowed to retaliate after the burial, thus making traders in the affected streets to flee for safety, while calling on the government to post some armed military men to man security at the areas.

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saying that this would be good for progress and development of the army.

He pointed out that the Nigeria Army has introduced essay writing in order to encourage writing among the officers and men of the Nigeria Army, adding that there would be better rewards for the writers among them.

On the sports week that is coming up during the year, he urged the officers and men of Nigeria Army, 1 Division to do their best in the competition.

The COAS however, commended the media for their support and co-operation at all times and that God would bless them.

He said no nation could succeed without the co-operation of the media, no matter how strong it could be.

He urged the media to always do their best for the progress and development of the country.