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2 killed in Ikorodu crisis

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Two people were between Monday evening and Tuesday afternoon killed as irate youths protested against the killing of an alleged 'innocent boy' by local vigilante members in Ikorodu area of Lagos State.

No fewer than five houses and vehicles, belonging to members of the vigilante group, popularly known as "Won Ya Bo Boys" were destroyed around Igbogbo area of the Lagos community.

Many residents of the community accused members of the vigilante team of high handedness and always taking laws into their hands, in their handling of security issues in Ikorodu.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that trouble started on Monday afternoon when members of the group arrested a member of the community, identified as Habeeb Babalawo and accused him of being an armed robber.

The group was alleged to have killed the arrested suspect without handing him over to the police for proper investigations. The alleged killing prompted residents, mostly youths, to mobilise.

The irate youths clashed with members of the vigilante group with sporadic shooting from both groups, forcing many residents and pedestrian to scamper for safety.

Areas mostly affected by the clash included Igbo Olowo, Merry Junction and Asibunolau, with broken bottles littering the road.

A resident, who spoke with the Nigerian Tribune under the condition of anonymity, said that apart from the alleged armed robber, who was killed, another unidentified person was killed during one of the clashes.

A police source, however, informed the Nigerian Tribune that the leader of the vigilante group had been arrested in connection with the incident.

A resident, who also pleaded anonymity, however, denied that the leader of the group, simply identified as Sina, had been arrested, claiming that he was only in police protective custody.

Efforts to get the reaction of the image maker in charge of the state police command, Ngozi Braide, failed as calls to her mobile phones were not answered as at the time of filling these reports.

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