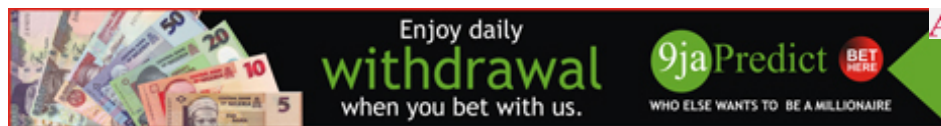




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Two people were reportedly killed and over 80 vehicles vandalised after two factions of street urchins, otherwise known as area boys, clashed in the Oshodi area of Lagos State.

The clash started on Monday around 9.00 a.m. and continued until Tuesday, when warring factions inflicted machete

cuts on one another and also on residents, traders and commuters around the area.

The clashing factions were identified as Orile Street and Sadiku Street boys. Residents said the leader of the Orile faction, Kamoru, was killed on Tuesday, while another, yet to be identified youngster from Sadiku faction was killed on Monday.

The Tuesday clash was a reprisal and spill over from Monday, which saw over 80 vehicles smashed. Buildings located at Sadiku, Femi Akinsola, Jubril, Agbole Afariogun and Orile Streets were all vandalised and some residents robbed of their valuables.

An eyewitness, who simply identified himself as Tunde, said it was a party at Sadiku Street that turned violent.

“The fight started over unknown reasons, leading to the death of one of the boys. They started smashing cars, buses and trucks parked along the streets. They entered homes of people, smashing windows, doors and gates.

“This morning, (Tuesday) at about 8.00 a.m., another faction, armed with guns and dangerous weapons started moving from street to street, vandalising peoples properties and causing breach of peace.”

Over 50 policemen from Area F Police Command, Shogunle Police Station, Rapid Responds Squad and Operation Mesa took over the area, cordoning off Orile Street down to the house of Kamoru.

Police spokesperson, Kenneth Nwosu, who confirmed the incident, said that a fight broke out between a group of area boys at Orile and Sadiku areas of Oshodi.

“This occurred during a naming ceremony of one Jimoh Odekunle at Okeleye Street, Aforiogun on Monday. The rival groups destroyed cars parked around the area. One Kamoru Hassan was seriously wounded and died early this morning.

“Orile Oshodi boys embarked on reprisal attack this morning. They suspected that the killer of Kamoru is one Sunday Anajonu.

“Five persons have been arrested in connection with the incident and are undergoing interrogation to unravel the immediate and remote causes of the matter,” Nwosu said.

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