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## Ethnic clash claims two in Ikorodu

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**THE** timely intervention of operatives of the Rapid Response Squad and the Lagos State government prevented a communal clash as two people were killed in Ijede area of Ikorodu.

**Lagos Metro** gathered that a Yoruba man and a Hausa man were stabbed to death in Igbelere and Iruelepe in Ijede area of Ikorodu.

It was further gathered that one of the deceased persons, a Yoruba man, simply identified as Mainama, was stabbed to death by some Hausa men over a minor disagreement.

Some angry Yoruba people in retaliation stormed the Hausa settlement and stabbed one person to death and destroyed their property.

The deceased Mainama was said to be on his way to buy kolanut, when he ran into some Hausa men who were discussing and an argument ensued.

The Hausa men reportedly brought out a jack knife and stabbed Mainama to death, before escaping from the area.

The Yoruba in the community reportedly went on rampage and stabbed an Hausa man to death, forcing other northerners in the community to flee.

Not satisfied with that, they reportedly invaded the neighbouring Igbelere community in search of Hausas, before police-

men from the RRS outfit intervened.

The commander of RRS, Olatunji Disu reportedly swiftly deployed more policemen to the two communities to douse the tension, created by the threats by the Yoruba community to kill all the northerners in the area.

Disu confirmed the incident to **Lagos Metro** and added that the police had not only restored normalcy in the communities but would also be calling a

meeting of the leaders of the Yoruba and the Hausa communities in the area.

He added that the efforts of the police was in fulfillment of the resolve of the state governor to make the state habitable for every resident, irrespective of their state or ethnic background.

The RRS commander also added that police had increased the patrol activities along the two communities to forestall any further attacks.



Looking for dry land: This is the situation of muddied Ladipo market. PHOTO: SYLVESTER OKORUWA.