

## Two feared dead as soldiers clash with hoodlums in Lagos

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TWO persons have been reportedly killed and many others injured during a clash between soldiers and hoodlums at Idimu area of Lagos State.

One person was said to have been killed in the clashes that reportedly started last Monday, while another person was on Monday killed and many others injured.

**Nigerian Tribune** gathered that trouble started last Monday when an unidentified soldier on a motorbike had a disagree-

ment with a social miscreant.

A resident of the area, who identified himself as Oladapo, however, said that the latest victim of the clash was a cooking gas shop owner, who was not even part of the clash.

The resident also said that the cooking gas shop owner was caught in the clash between the soldiers and the hoodlums and was beaten to death.

According to Oladapo, narrated that "trouble started last week Monday when a soldier, who was on a motorbike, was hit by

one of the area boys.

"The soldier was not in army uniform; he was only putting on a short camouflage and a T-shirt. Nobody recognised him as a soldier.

"The hoodlum accused the motorcycle rider of attempting to hit him, and he hit the soldier who was at the back of the motorcycle.

"The soldier came down from the motorbike and fought with the area boy. Other area boys around joined in the fight and they injured the soldier."

The resident continued: "The soldier went away

and returned later with some of his colleagues and another round of clash ensued between them and the area boys, leading to one person being killed.

"The soldiers returned again today [Monday] and attacked all area boys in sight. There was confusion as everybody ran in different directions. That was when the gas shop owner was beaten to death."

Efforts to get the reaction of the police image-maker in the state, DSP Bala Elkana failed, as repeated calls to his mobile phone line were not answered.

1 No death recorded during Egun festival