

Two feared killed as suspected cult members clash with NDLEA officials in Lagos

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THERE was tension in the Obalende area of Lagos State, on Saturday, as two people were feared killed in a clash between officials said to be from the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) and suspected cult members.

There were sporadic shootings which made people to run into different directions when the fight between the security operatives and the hoodlums lasted.

Sunday Tribune gathered that trouble started on Satur-

day morning when the officials invaded one of the spots suspected to be a haven for drug peddling in Obalende.

The securitymen were said to have met a stiff resistance from the drug peddlers, most of whom were suspected cult members in the area.

The suspected cultists reportedly attacked the security operatives with stones, broken bottles and guns.

A gun duel was said to have ensued between the suspected cultists and NDLEA officials, leading to the death of two cult members.

A transport union member

at the scene of the incident told *Sunday Tribune* that "after the securitymen left, the boys went on rampage to protest the attack on them and there was another round of clash."

The man who did not want his name in print added that "some Narco (a word used to described NDLEA officials) came to raid some of the places, where they sell Indian hemp and the boys attacked them."

He added that after the NDLEA officials left, the suspected cultists went on rampage, started attacking

people and this led to a fight between them and another set of hoodlums.

Efforts to speak with the image-maker in charge of NDLEA, Jonah Achema, were not successful as his phone number was switched off as of the time of filing this report.

Meanwhile, there was panic around Anthony bus stop along the Ikorodu Road, Lagos State, on Saturday, as a tanker carrying Premium Motor Spirit (PMS), popular known as petrol, crashed into the median.

It took the Lagos State

Emergency Management Agency, (LASEMA) and other responders about three hours, before the crashed tanker was eventually taken away from the road.

LASEMA's Public Relations Officer, Nosa Okunbor, confirmed the incident in a statement signed by him and made available to the *Sunday Tribune*.

The agency's spokesperson said: "LASEMA has again successfully recovered another fuel tanker involved in a lone accident along Ikorodu Road around Anthony bus stop, inward Maryland."