

## 2 killed as RTEAN, NURTW members clash in Lagos

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TWO people were feared killed around Surulere area of Lagos State on Sunday night when members of the Road Transport Employee Association of Nigeria (RTEAN) clashed with their counterparts in the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW).

Seventy five people have been arrested by the police in connection with the violent clash between the two transport groups.

There were sporadic shootings around Aguda Cassete bus stop and Pako area, as colleagues of the

deceased union members went on rampage.

The arrival of policemen from the Rapid Response Squad (RRS) and other policemen from the area doused the tension as the warring hoodlums scampered into different directions.

It was gathered that some NURTW members were having fun around Canal area in Pako when some people, suspected to be members of RTEAN, invaded the area and opened fire on them.

Three people were hit by bullets, while two of them died as a result of gunshot injuries.

The deceased NURTW members were identified as Sadeek Kowasise and one Qoyum.

The news of the death of the union members sparked protests from their colleagues, who went on rampage around Pako, Aguda and other parts of Surulere on Monday afternoon.

Residents and workers in the area had to scamper for safety for fear of being hit by stray bullets.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Bala Elkana, confirmed the clash, saying 75 suspects had been arrested.