

2 feared killed as hoodlums go on the rampage in Lagos over levies on trucks

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TWO people were, on Wednesday, feared killed and scores injured when armed thugs went on the rampage along the Badagry expressway in Lagos State.

Unconfirmed reports have it that the thugs were reportedly recruited from neighbouring West African countries to collect levies from truck drivers at Vinegar and Abule Ado bus stops along the international route.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the hoodlums took advantage of the situation to break into homes and shops to cart away goods and other valuables.

Commercial activities along the road were grounded as the hoodlums made bonfires and blocked the expressway.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that trouble started late on Tuesday night when the hoodlums invaded the areas to collect levies.

The hoodlums, who allegedly wore masks, attacked truck drivers who parked by the roadside and vandalised some of their trucks.

One of the victims, Ibrahim Muhammed, while speaking on the incident, said: "The hoodlums clashed with truck drivers who were carrying out their legitimate businesses at Vinegar last week and wounded many of us.

"Some of our members were also killed during the clash when we resisted their attempt to forcefully extort money from us.

"They have been doing this for long and all efforts to make the police help us have failed. Their major targets are members of the National Union of Petroleum and natural Gas Workers (NUP-