

One killed, 9 arrested as hoodlums invade Lagos community

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AN old man, Alhaji Junaid, popularly known as Mr Owenco, was over the weekend killed as suspected hoodlums went on the rampage in Ijesha area of Surulere in Lagos State.

Residents of the area

claimed that the incident was an invasion of the community by the One Million Boys gang, but the police claimed otherwise.

The *Nigerian Tribune* gathered that the community was, on Friday evening, thrown into panic as armed hoodlums invaded the area.

The hoodlums clashed with youths and took advantage of the situation to loot and rob.

A social media user who identified himself as Samuel, while commenting on the incident on his Facebook wall, said: "While the nation is bereaved following the death of the president's Chief of

Staff, Abba Kyari, my bossom friend, Adewale Juanid, lost his dad in the hands of the notorious One Million Boys at Ijesha area of Surulere.

"The gang was on rampage in the community at about 7:00 p.m. yesterday (Saturday), attacking everyone in their way."

He also added that: "My friend's dad stumbled and fell to the ground due to old age and before he could stand up, he was caught and hacked all over his body."

Salami also said: "The man was rushed to Funto Hospital along Ijesha Road but unfortunately gave up the ghost

this morning (Sunday) due to the multiple machete cuts all over his body and head."

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Bala Elkana, while speaking on the incident, said "there is no report of any death. It was a dash between two factions of area boys from Ijesha and Itire.