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One killed, many injured as motorcyclists clash in Lagos

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ONE person was killed and many others injured as commercial motorcyclists clashed in the Baruwa area of Ipaja, Lagos State.

The police in the state confirmed the incident and added that some suspects had been arrested in connection with the clash.

The deceased person was identified simply as Inawo, and he was said to be playing the role of a mediator when he was killed.

A community leader in the area, who simply identified himself as Ibrahim, said the clash actually started on Saturday between a commercial motorcyclist and a female passenger.

Ibrahim said: "It [the clash]

actually started on Saturday when an okada rider was taking a female passenger on his bike to Gate bus stop.

"They were said to have engaged each other in a hot argument while the journey lasted, but nobody could explain what caused the argument.

"When they got to the destination, they started another shouting match and the okada rider slapped the woman.

"Some commercial motorcyclists who were around the scene intervened and separated them and the two of them went their separate ways.

"Surprisingly, the okada rider went to where they sell hard drugs on 31 Road and mobilised his friends,

who came and attacked the other motorcyclists at the bus stop."

The community leader said: "That was when Inawo and others were injured and were taken to the hospital, but he died early this morning [Monday] at the hospital."

It was gathered that the clash continued on Monday morning when the other group accused their counterpart of not honouring the deceased Inawo by working despite the news of his death.

A resident who pleaded anonymity while speaking with the **Nigerian Tribune** said "trouble started when some riders saw those working while they were not working in honour of their

deceased member."

There was confusion early Monday around Baruwa area as both groups engaged each other with dangerous weapons, including machetes, knives, stones, iron rods, broken bottles, broken tiles and charms.

The Rapid Response Squad (RRS) of the state police command, on its verified Facebook page, said: "Officers of the RRS have responded to the violent fights that broke out in Baruwa area of Ipaja this morning.

"Calm has been restored to the area, while one person was unfortunately confirmed dead. The killer and other suspects have been arrested, while intensive patrols of the area are on-going."