

Police confirm one dead in Oshodi mayhem

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THE Lagos State Police Command, on Wednesday, confirmed that one person was killed when social miscreants popularly called *area boys* went on the rampage in Oshodi, Lagos on Tuesday.

The command's spokesman, Mr. Olubode Ojajuni, a deputy superintendent of police, in a statement, said preliminary police report showed that the victim, simply identified as Michael, was burnt.

Quoting from the report, Ojajuni said trouble allegedly started when one Alhaji Teslim Almaroof and his group, armed with dangerous weapons, stormed Oshodi Market/Garage with the aim of dislodging a group of the National Union of Road Transport Workers led by Alhaji Musiliu Akinsanya a.k.a. MC.

The two groups therefore engaged each other in a free-for-all.

Ojajuni said when the re-

port was received at Oshodi police station at about 10.20am, the divisional police officer and his colleague at the nearby Akinpelu police station led their men to the market to restore peace.

But later, the Almaroof's group reportedly re-grouped and launched a violent attack on members of the NURTW at Afariogun by Tax Office junction, Oshodi.

It was in that process, he added, that Michael was killed.

According to the police spokesman, the Almaroof's group later opened fire on policemen who went to the scene to recover the corpse. But they were later subdued.

In the process, one Haruna Azeez was arrested with bullet wounds in his left leg.

Ojajuni said policemen were still on the trail of other fleeing members of the group.