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One dies during OPC protest

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FOLLOWING incessant attacks allegedly carried out by the fundamentalist sect, Boko Haram, members of the Oodua Peoples Congress staged a rally on Thursday in Lagos to ward off terrorists from the state.

The rally which was spearheaded by Dr. Fredrick Fasehun, held for over four hours as members of the vigilante group traversed the length and breadth of the state.

It was learnt that the rally was organised to scare away terrorists from the Southern part of the country.

A member of the OPC, who craved anonymity because he was not authorised to speak to the press, described the rally as a "preventive action" to scare potential terrorists in the state.

He said, "The rally was organised by Faseun. The group (OPC) deemed it necessary to let terrorists know that they should stay away from Lagos as well as Southern Nigeria.

"The rally was held to let them know that if they come to Lagos or Western Nigeria, it will not be business as usual as the OPC is battle-ready to destroy them."

The rally, which started at Oshodi through Ikorodu Road and Yaba, caused traffic congestion along these axes as hundreds of members of the OPC, wielding weapons, blocked the busy roads.

The rally was not without hitches as hoodlums seized the opportunity to perpetrate violence in the Oshodi area of the state.

It was learnt that one person was killed in the fracas, while another sustained injuries and was taken to a nearby hospital.

When contacted, the Lagos State Police Command spokesman, Mr. Samuel Jinadu, who spoke with our correspondent on the telephone said normalcy had been restored to the area.

He said, "Three people were fighting for reasons unknown. One person was stabbed to death while the other sustained injuries and was rushed to hospital. Normalcy has however been restored to the area."

When asked if the violence was related to the rally organised by the OPC, Jinadu said he could not confirm.