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# Four killed, one injured as hoodlums wreak havoc in Lagos

February 16, 2012 by Eniola Akinkuotu [33 Comments](#)

At least four people lost their lives in Fadeyi and Akoka areas of Lagos State in the wee hours of Wednesday after hoodlums went violent.

It was gathered that an elderly woman was also shot by one of the

hoodlums on Akorounfayo Street at Fadeyi, but was later rushed to a nearby hospital where she is responding to treatment.

According to an eyewitness, who spoke to our correspondent on the condition of anonymity, two of the victims were taxi drivers.

He said, "Some hoodlums staged a carnival on Tuesday but extended the celebration till Wednesday morning for unknown reasons.

"The thugs seized the opportunity to rob and steal. They also vandalised vehicles on Majiyagbe Street, Odunlade and Awoseyin streets in Somolu. They later went to Abule Ijesa and Akoka where they damaged properties and shot into the air sporadically.

"Two taxi drivers died when they were hit by stray bullets while two other guys were also killed at Akoka. A bread vendor was also shot but she didn't die."

*PUNCH Metro* gathered that the hoodlums also proceeded to Mushin and robbed some houses along the railway line before escaping.

Our correspondent gathered that because the incident occurred very early in the morning, the hoodlums operated unhindered as policemen did not come on time.

A resident, who spoke to our correspondent on the condition of anonymity, said the culprits at Somolu were a gang known as *EFCC Boys*.

He said, "For the past two weeks now, residents of Somolu have been held to ransom by the hoodlums who unleashed terror on them. The hoodlums who are not more than 10 have been attacking residents and destroying properties in the community at will.

"The gang branded itself the *EFCC Boys* and are notorious for

wanton destruction of properties and attack on innocent members of the community. Members of this gang are identifiable and the police know them.

“Through their activities, they have succeeded in creating fear among residents who always run away to avoid trouble whenever they appear. They have become so lawless that the police in the area could not even apprehend them. In some instances, members of the gang have been known to attack policemen sent to arrest themx.

“Whenever they have an issue to settle with residents or sent by their godfathers to attack their perceived opponents or those who offended them, the gang attacks them with all manner of weapons. Every attack is always bloody.”

The Police Public Relations Officer for the state command, Mr. Joseph Jaiyeoba, told our correspondent on the telephone that two people were killed.

He said, “Two people were killed on Akorounfayo Street, Fadeyi, around 4:35am.

“Operatives of the Rapid Response Squad have been directed to go there but no arrest has been made.”

When quizzed on efforts made by the command to address the incessant violence in the area, Jaiyeoba said the police were having a dialogue with the warring factions.

“We had security meetings recently with Odi-Olowo Local Council Development Area and we’re still having talks with the religious leaders in the area and other elders in the community so that we can put an end to the violence,” he said.

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• *Ademola* February 16, 2012 at 2:50 am

I'm presently searching for accomodation and a friend told me there is a vacant place at Fadeyi. Guess what I told him...

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○ *Josh* February 16, 2012 at 2:08 pm

This is a hopeless situation. Police having dialogue with murderers.

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○ *Dart* February 16, 2012 at 3:46 pm

Don't bother to tell us since if unchecked; this mayhem will spread all over Lagos. Late Adedibu sponsored thugs in Ibadan and was soundly condemned nationally (PDP eventually lost that state) Meanwhile the BAT (the national Leader of ACN) is a confirmed sponsor of thugs, but why is no one condemning him?

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• *Yomi* February 16, 2012 at 3:07 am

The IGP should immediately as a matter of urgency ban all forms of carnivals not organized by government insitutions, as this has recently become an avenue to unleash terror on fellow citizens, resulting in senseles gangstarism and killings.

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• *Ofonime Mark* February 16, 2012 at 6:57 am

The question is for how long would the police be able to arrest this ugly situation in those areas? But why should the police be granted permission to stage carnival in area as volatile as Mushin?

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• *Johnbest* February 16, 2012 at 7:05 am

The police are helpless, The boys have godfathers, The govt know them, So they will continue to kill innocent people. When a market in Lagos is dirty we take swift action. Good, but when hoodlums are killing people we say we are having dialogue.

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• *Ikwuka Tochukwu ---Lagos* February 16, 2012 at 7:10 am

The situtation is well known to police. Infact some police in the area receive returns from them.

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*Raheem Gbenga* February 16, 2012 at 8:40 am

Its a known fact that those hoodlums are political thugs who were given guns during elections but the politicians are unable to collect back their guns. If not where did they get those guns from?

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• *Kay* February 16, 2012 at 9:13 am

This is absolutely unacceptable, are we living in jungle? The only way to put this type of situation under control is by ensuring that arrest is made and the EFCC boys made to face the full weight of the law. Also the Local Government Chairman should be arrested for contravening the NO Night party order in Lagos State, who gave permission for the party to be held? Except if there is a police involvement in this act of lawlessness or are they telling us that the guys are above the law? The DPO of the police station nearest to the scene should be made accountable for the loss of lives and damages to properties.

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• *Sunbare* February 16, 2012 at 9:25 am

It is obvious that Lagos government and security operatives has hand in all these. The last time a stakeholder meeting was held, it was mentioned that they know people causing all these wahalas and when there is any trouble they will go and arrest them. One thing that is certain is that we all know these are political thugs use during election. Why is that government can not fight these people are they powerful than the state and with all the armoured tanks every where, killing of

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*timi* February 16, 2012 at 3:39 pm

They are aware and are pussy footing .God will judge.  
Boko Haram started this way.  
Now Lai is not talking

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*john ezoke* February 16, 2012 at 9:29 am

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*Kingsman* February 16, 2012 at 6:54 pm

@ John, did u not hear that the police know these hoodlums? They r only good at promptly killing innocent



people but they cant even arrest these undesirable vermins.

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- *Ogunlade Hezekiah A.* February 16, 2012 at 9:30 am

Why is it that police always give faulse & lesser number of casualty when any incidence occur?

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- *Ogunlade Hezekiah A.* February 16, 2012 at 9:34 am

Let the police rise up to the task, live up to expectation& stop unnecessary reform(change of uniform). Upgrade ur scheme of operation NPF

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- *seyi* February 16, 2012 at 9:46 am

i can't believe security operatives that should step up to their duty ,av now made themselves mediators. What kindof country is this? Is this not appalling? lives were lost for goodness sake,some peoples right to life was unjustifiably cut short. They should be arrested and made to face the consequence of their actions

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- *sam sam* February 16, 2012 at 10:03 am

The case of hudlum and Fadeyi, Mushin and lagos state in general is beyong Lagos state governor. We have two government in Lagos state. Our corrupt police are can never help the situation. what a country of an animal?

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• *Tuns* February 16, 2012 at 10:16 am

Honestly I dont understand why the police should be negotiating with criminals. I think everything boils down to the fact that the state govt knows the criminals and has been using them to achieve dubious political ends in the state. ACN keeps blaming the FG for doing nothing on security challenges and has same challenges in the states it controls. It is time Police acted decisively irrespective of who is using the criminals

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• *Enesi Ismaila* February 16, 2012 at 10:22 am

Why should police dialogue with gangstar hoodlums that are terrorising the communities if police didnt know them the CP lagos command should take action immediately

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• *kemi* February 16, 2012 at 10:24 am

All this happenings shows how human being by nature is wicked let us know that all these are signs and YOU keep preparing.....

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• *Anizoba* February 16, 2012 at 11:17 am

shoot these idiots! Nigeria is hell on earth!

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○ *Ganiyu Muinat Abidemi* February 16, 2012 at 11:49 am

let d police rise up

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• *yomi Ajiboye* February 16, 2012 at 11:48 am

to back this up. i was in a commercial bus one day and the conductor of the bus receiving a call. After the call he told the driver that inspector ..... just call him now that they are come to there area tonight to raid, and the driver asked him to call all his own area boys to leave the environment b4 the police will come. that is the extent at which police is networking with hoodlums. where are we going.

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• *Josephine* February 16, 2012 at 12:13 pm

Yeah a banker jailed for 10years for 9.2m fraud but the bank executives with billions of naira fraud got only six months house arrest or hospital rest. god have mercy on my country nigeria

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*Bamidele* monday February 16, 2012 at 1:52 pm

If the police are not capable to do anything. Then they should send soldiers there. The situation on ground is not a matter of police bcos they too “police” are part of them. My advice is that they should deployed some soldiers to the area in order for peace to reign bcos lives at fadeyi are not save.

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*Dunio* February 16, 2012 at 2:01 pm

....Action Congress is silent. when protesters were molester at Lekki – Action Congress was silent, when LASU fees was increased beyond the reach of a common man – Action Congress was silent, when GEJ deployed military to maintain law & order following the labour protest – Action Congress was vocal. Who is deceiving WHO?

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*umar wambai* February 16, 2012 at 3:05 pm

OPC boys in action. They are trained to kill and maim without provocation. They are worst than BOKO HARAM

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*shola* February 16, 2012 at 3:11 pm

This so called South West Politician, Using the names of Awolowo to decisive masses common free education, Fashola, Tinubu, Amosun. aregbesola, ajumobi, Yoruba Ro nu

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*Killimanjaro/london* February 16, 2012 at 11:47 pm

@shola, Those south west politicians you mentioned are Gangs of political wings of BOKO-HARAM in the South-west. Chief Mrs. HID Awolowo has dis-owned them already.

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*patrick* February 16, 2012 at 3:17 pm

If the state government dosen't declear state of emergency in these notorious areas and get hoodlums arrested there mite be no peace police know them but they will tell you they are family man like you

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*Engr. Funsho Alabi* February 16, 2012 at 3:42 pm

Unemployment, illitracy and laziness put together is causing this lawlessness. The "Boys" have eaten their cakes and they want to have what they have eaten. Is it possible? Keep me posted.

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Phil Andy February 16, 2012 at 4:25 pm

The Police are disappointing me here, how could they say (WARRING) who and who were fighting? this is how sometimes the police see innocent people being victimized/killed yet they have a name to suit it; VERY WRONG, the Nigerian police should not be police for innocent people, they should be able to exercise their powers, get the bad eggs and crush them when/where necessary. So presently we don't know whom to fear or respect (Police or Bad boy)? Nigerian Police wake-up from your sleep.

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One-Nigeria? February 16, 2012 at 11:12 pm

I have heard of these criminals calling themselves EFCC boys and most especially if you lives Fadeyi, Somolu and Bariga environs you will be familiar with these guys. I think DPO's of onipanu, fadeyi, somolu and pedro need be questioning because they deny that they haven't heard of these criminals. They terorrised these environs with impunity, i had witnessed one myself, politicians are their godfathers.

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