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Acting Inspectors-General of Police, Suleiman Abba

of her valuables. The hoodlums thereby shot her in the head and ran away. Her corpse has since been deposited in a morgue.

The clash between the two rival groups in the area worsened on Tuesday when they attacked one another and unleashed violence in the area, leaving residents to scamper to safety. It was learnt that the intervention of the men of the Iponri Police Division, who came to quell the violence, restored normalcy in the area.

PUNCH Metro had reported on October 6, 2014, that the rival groups, identified as the Otto Boys and Apapa Road Boys, engaged one another in a duel, stealing rams in the area during the Sallah break.

A man who claimed to be an eyewitness of the Tuesday brawl, Mr Ishola Agbodemu, said although normalcy had returned to the area, residents were still apprehensive.

He said, "The Otto boys and Apapa Road boys clashed again on Tuesday morning, causing pandemonium in the area. So on Tuesday night, the Otto boys came to stage a reprisal. About four of them carrying weapons were sighted in the area. On their way, they attempted to rob passersby. In the process, they robbed and killed a lady identified only as Joy, an Accounting student of the Federal College of Education, Akoka, Yaba, and Lagos."

Some of the residents, who spoke with our correspondent, said they had not been able to sleep because the boys could foment trouble at any time. Some of them also said they had to flee the area for fear of being attacked. The residents urged the police to fish out the thugs and their sponsors so that peace could be restored to the area.

Our correspondent gathered that the hoodlums, believed to be sponsored by politicians in the area, always cashed in on the mayhem to dispossess residents of their valuables.

The Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Kenneth Nwosu, who spoke with our correspondent on the telephone, confirmed the incident. Nwosu said normalcy had returned to the area, adding that police were doing their best to arrest the killers of Uduma.

A female student of the Federal College of Education, Yaba, Lagos, Uduma Joy, was on Tuesday night shot dead by hoodlums during a clash between two rival groups on Apapa road, Ebute Meta, Lagos.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the victim, who was identified as a student of the Accounting Department of the college, was passing through the Apapa Road, Ebute Meta, when she was waylaid by the hoodlums.

The late Joy was reported to have resisted attempts by the hoodlums to dispossess her

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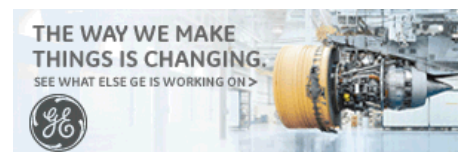


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"Right now, many police officers have been dispatched to the area. One student of the Federal College of Education, Yaba, Lagos by name Joy Uduma, was killed," he said.

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