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Oyo State Governor, Abiola Ajimobi

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Two persons were feared killed in Agbokojo, Amunigun and Agbaje areas of Ibadan, Oyo State at a clash during a youth carnival.

More than 20 shops were said to have been vandalised at Agbaje Market, while the youths looted goods found in the shops.

An eyewitness said the carnival, which started around 11pm on Friday at Agbokojo, was stormed by some youths numbering about 80. This led to a fight which lasted about an hour and spread to other parts of the city.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Oyo State Command, Mr. Adekunle Ajisebutu, could not confirm the incident as at press

time, saying there had not been an official report of the incident.

The eyewitness, who preferred anonymity, said the youths shot sporadically into the air, adding that the violence was caused by two rival groups.

He said, "Violence has become a common thing in Agbaje area whenever election is fast approaching and these hoodlums are known by all but they seem to be above the law?."

"On Saturday about 10.30pm, about 80 hoodlums, some of whom wore masks and were armed came from their base in Foko and stormed Agbaje streets. They ransacked, looted, and vandalised the shops.

"If the Police could establish their presence here like they did in Idi-Arere and Popoyemoja, I believe peace would be restored."

Some of the residents in the area said the violence could be a reprisal for an earlier one at Born Photo and its environs two weeks ago.

"With what happened over night, I believe this is retaliation. Two boys were killed, while some were also injured. They had been taken to an undisclosed hospital," said a resident.

The Caretaker Chairman of Ibadan North-West Local Government Area, Mr. Wasiu Olatunbosun, who visited the scene of the incident, sympathised with the bereaved families and those who lost their property to the hoodlums.

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