

tip-off about the activities of the dealers of cannabis sativa, popularly known as hemp, at the Imeko area, and they went after them.

"But before our men got there, the suspected owners of the illicit drug had abandoned them and fled."

Mamudu later handed over the seized drug to a representative of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency in the state, Abdullahi Sardauna, who is the agency's Principal Staff Officer, Public Affairs.

Mamudu said the command had recorded improved performance in the first four months of the year.

Within the period, he said the command generated N2.3bn as against N1.9bn collected within same period in 2014.

The comptroller noted

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THE police in Lagos have apprehended two gang leaders, who allegedly instigated violence in Orisumbare and Ojora communities in the Ijora area of Lagos during which three persons were killed.

PUNCH Metro learnt that a protracted crisis between cult gangs in the two areas, deepened on Sunday, during a midnight party reportedly held in the Ojora area.

Our correspondent learnt that at about 3am on Sunday, a resident of Orisumbare, Saheed Jimoh, who attended the party in Ojora, was attacked and hacked to death by hoodlums.

In a reprisal, a gang from Orisumbare, who learnt of Jimoh's death, reportedly went to Ojora the same day and hacked another resident, Hammed Atobatele, to death.

It was gathered that the thugs, who vandalised vehicles in the area, also attacked the residents.

Soldiers attached to the OP MESA were reportedly invited to Ojora and they were said to have dispersed the hoodlums.

It was gathered that as the thugs fled, another resident, Gafar, who tried to escape through a swamp, drowned and died.

The police on Tuesday arrested two gang leaders in the area.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the gang leaders, whose names were not disclosed as investigations were ongoing, were being quizzed at the Department of Criminal Investigations, Yaba.

When our correspondent got to the area, a resident, who gave his name only as Ahmed, said Jimoh's corpse was taken away by his parents for burial on the same day.

He said, "Saheed (Jimoh) had gone with his friends to Ojora for a night party on Saturday. Before now, there had been crises between Orisumbare and Ojora. At about 3am, while he went to ease himself, some hoodlums swooped on him and stabbed him to death."

"Immediately Orisumbare hoodlums learnt of the incident, they went to a man's house and hacked him to death."

The secretary of the Apapa Iganmu Community Development Committee, Kehinde Omonisi, told our correspondent that while he tried to mediate, he was rebuffed.

He said, "When I got the information, I immediately alerted the police. There was a time we took some of them to an Ogun shrine where they vowed not to unleash mayhem in the area again. But it was a lie."

"When I tried to mediate on Sunday, one of their gang leaders, Gani Olore,

attacked me. I was rushed to a hospital. We want all the hoodlums out of our area. There is no genuine reason for their clashes other than supremacy reason."

The Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Kenneth Nwosu, said, "One person was killed by some rival area boys in front of his house. This is as a result of a protracted animosity between the two gangs. They also damaged vehicles parked on the street."

"A team of policemen, led by the Ijora DPO, went to the scene and the corpse was recovered. Some community leaders are helping the police to track down the perpetrators, and the area is being closely monitored."

Omosowon, was kidnapped on the Owo-Oba Akoko Expressway on Tuesday.

them to enter their vehicle and drove away.

The car was later found by the security men.

would be forwarded to the appropriate authorities for immediate action to release the Regent and her aide.