

• Some landlords in Temidire, Alagbado area

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Suspected homosexual rapist shot dead in riot

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A suspected homosexual rapist, identified only as Alhaji Tunji, and a landlord's son, Ganiyu Adebayo, were shot dead in a riot which enveloped Temidire, in the Alagbado area of Lagos State on Monday.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the unrest, which started at about 11am after the landlords had ended a community meeting, resulted in sporadic shootings and

fighting allegedly between Tunji's thugs and youths in the area. The two persons were said to have been killed in the incident.

Our correspondent had exclusively reported on Thursday, June 16, that about 25 landlords stormed the premises of the Lagos State Police Command on Wednesday to report Tunji. They accused him of being a suspected land grabber and a homosexual rapist.

The complainants, who were led by the Baale, Alhaji

Najimu Abioye, submitted a petition to the Commissioner of Police, Fatai Owoseni, saying that the residents' lives were in danger.

Tunji had, however, refuted the allegations levelled against him, adding that the Baale was a usurper.

On Monday, our correspondent learnt that after the landlords had concluded their meeting, Tunji allegedly stormed the area with his thugs, who shot sporadically during which two persons at the meeting were injured.

One of the landlords at the meeting, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said while Adebayo died on the way to a hospital, the other victim survived and was being treated at the hospital.

He said, "We had barely ended the meeting, when these hoodlums arrived and shot at the people. The other man was hit in the arm, but Adebayo was hit in a critical area. He was bleeding profusely. He died while we were rushing him to a hospital. We have a police report from Alagbado."

PUNCH Metro learnt that aggrieved youths in the area, who learnt of Adebayo's death, organised a protest. Alhaji Tunji was said to have been shot dead during the

mayhem on Idi-Oro

Igede said, "They engaged