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Corps, stopped the theft, which the corps said could have led to an explosion.

The Head, Public Relations and Protocol Unit of the NSCDC, Mr. Wale Polarin, confirmed the incident when contacted on the telephone.

It will be recalled that a petrol-laden tanker fell in Osogbo on September 3 while ascending a hilly road in the state capital.

A petrol tanker had also narrowly escaped falling two months earlier in Osogbo. However, the tanker crushed some vehicles parked by the roadside.

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le, gbee le' (drop it). That was how the man dropped the item. We did not know it was a human head then; it was later that we discovered that it was a severed head. Policemen from Iponri division came to take it away," she said.

A resident of Thomas Street, who identified himself simply as Sola, said the head might have been dropped by *Otto* boys.

He added that the gang came to his street on Friday to stab a man, believed to be a member of a rival gang, to death.

He said, "It is the *Otto* boys that are going round

the Old Apapa, Oyingbo area, to foment trouble. On Friday, the hoodlums came to my street and stabbed a man, said to be a member of a rival gang, to death. We suspect that they were the ones who dumped the head by the roadside."

It was learnt that the state Commissioner of Police, Fatai Owoseni, had on Friday visited the area and held a meeting at the palace of a traditional ruler in the area, on ways to curtail the activities of hoodlums in the Lagos Mainland.

It was gathered that a few hours after the meeting ended, the hoodlums

mobilised to Thomas Street, where they reportedly stabbed a man to death.

The Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Joe Ofor, confirmed the incident. He said the police had dropped the head in a morgue, and were searching for the body of the man.

The PRO added that the police had launched a manhunt for the killers.

He said, "The police found the head and we have taken it to a morgue. We do not have the identity of the man yet, but we are also looking for his remaining body. The police will ensure that the hoodlums, who beheaded the man, are arrested and prosecuted."

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