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Hoodlums slaughter 23-year-old, ask residents not to panic

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SOME hoodlums have invaded Iya Agan Street on Old Apapa Road in the Ebute-Meta area of Lagos State, killing a 23-year-old, identified only as Dada.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the hoodlums, who wielded guns and cutlasses, asked residents not to panic while they slaughtered Dada, alias Ratio, saying they (hoodlums) did not come for innocent lives.

The 23-year-old, whose family members or address, had yet to be known, was killed around 5.30pm on Friday in the area.

It was learnt that anxious residents, however, contacted the vigilance group in the area, which in turn contacted the Iponri Police Division.

It was gathered that when policemen arrived at the scene, Dada's corpse was recovered, but the hoodlums had fled.

When PUNCH Metro got to the street on Monday, some of the residents said they wanted to flee when they heard the gunshots, but the hoodlums calmed them down, saying they only trailed a rival member to the area, and they had no plan to unleash terror on anyone.

A shop owner, who gave his name only as Abimbola, said the attackers came in two tricycles, otherwise known as Keke Marwa.

He said, "I was sitting in front of my shop when the hoodlums came. There were two groups that came. The first group went to meet some people working at a construction site and they collected money from them. Some people were also molding blocks; they collected money from those workers too."

"When they left, the other group came in tricycles. When we saw them with cutlasses and guns, people fled inside their houses, and began shutting their doors. The hoodlums yelled, telling us that they only trailed a rival member to our street and we should not panic."

"Then, they went to where the man was seated, and started shooting at him. When



• Dada

Photo: Olaleye Aluko

the gunshots did not have effect, they slaughtered him with a cutlass."

A resident, who declined to mention her name, said Dada was known to be moving with the Fagbayimu Boys, adding that rival hoodlums, trailed him to the area.

She said, "Those hoodlums had come on Tuesday to attack a shop owner and collected his phones and money. So, when we saw them again on Friday, we were afraid. But they said they knew the person they were looking for."

"Minutes later, they found Dada and started shooting at him. There was a man

who came to repair his car at a mechanic workshop at that time, he left his car and climbed a fence in fear. But the hoodlums continued to assure people around the scene that they should not run.

"I do not know the deceased's family members, but he was usually seen with the Fagbayimu Boys. When we told the man on the fence that the hoodlums had gone and he should come down, he refused."

One of the executives of the vigilance group, Mr. Ishola Agbodemu, said one of the hoodlums, identified only as Ayo, was caught on Saturday

and handed over to the Anti-Robbery Section of the State Department of Criminal Investigation, Yaba.

He said, "The hoodlums wanted to start reprisals in our area, but we brought out vigilance group members to apprehend them. On Saturday, one of the suspects, Ayo, was caught with weapons. They were actually three, but we caught one of them."

"He is at the SDCl, and the police are interrogating him."

The Police Public Relations Officer, SP Dolapo Badmos, confirmed the killing.

She added that investigation was ongoing into the incident.

Blocked canal: Lagos ord

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THE Lagos State Government has directed the Synagogue Church of All Nations to stop the construction of buildings in Agodo, in the Egbe-Idimu Local Council Development Area after some residents alleged that part of the facility was blocking the main canal in the community.

The office of Drainage Services, Ministry of Environment, which served

the notice on SCOAN, also instructed that the alternative drainage channel being done by the church be stopped.

In the letter, dated January 20, 2016, a copy of which was obtained by our correspondent, the office equally accused the church of causing environmental nuisance and vowed to prosecute the owner or occupiers of the facility if "the said nuisance is not abated within 24 hours".

PUNCH Metro had reported on Monday, January 18, 2016

that about 12 streets in the community were affected by flood during the rainy season because water could not flow from gutters on their streets

