

Teenagers invade Lagos streets, kill worshipper, loot shops

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There was confusion on the Lagos Island on Friday when about 50 hoodlums, mostly teenagers, invaded five streets, where they killed a resident, Ade Busari, and looted several shops.

Our correspondent gathered that the hoodlums were armed with daggers and machetes during the attack.

It was learnt that Busari was killed around 2pm while going for an Islamic prayer.

Our correspondent, who visited the area on Saturday, gathered that the affected streets were Massey, Oke Popo, Odunfa, Onala and Smith streets.

Busari was reportedly killed on Odunfa Street.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the men, who were said to have mobilised from another part of the Lagos Island, vandalised vehicles parked by the roadside.

Policemen from the Adeniji Adele division and operatives of the Rapid Response Squad were said to have attempted to curtail the attack.

A resident on Odunfa Street, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told our correspondent that Busari, who was married with children, was pursued by the armed hoodlums before being hacked to death.

He alleged that Busari was killed by one of the gang's leaders identified as Azeez, alias *Small Zego*.

He said, "The boys got to the area around 2pm and began to loot some of the shops. Most traders quickly locked their shops and ran home. The hoodlums did not have guns; but they had daggers and machetes.

"The victim was going to pray in a mosque. As he passed by them, one of the robbers shouted, 'That's him. He is one of them.' They encircled Busari and began to cut him with machetes. One of the gang's leaders, Azeez, alias *Small Zego*, brought out a knife and stabbed him to death. The police later came to remove his corpse. There is still tension in the area."

An Islamic cleric on Massey Street said the police brought four tanks to the area on Saturday.