

Lagos gangsters' clash: Police launch manhunt for more suspects

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• Scene of the clash

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The Lagos State Police Command has launched a manhunt for the fleeing members of the rival gangs, who killed two people during a supremacy fight in the Fadeyi area of the state on Wednesday.

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PUNCH Metro had reported that a violent clash between two rival gangs from the Alakara and Fadeyi areas led to the death of two persons, Tobi Kuti and Samuel Geoffrey, while scores sustained varying degrees of injuries.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Bala Elkana, said in a statement on Thursday that investigation into the events that led to the clash was ongoing, adding that the command had deployed resources in the affected areas to apprehend the fleeing gang members.

Elkana stated, “On April 10, 2019, around 11.30am, the Onipanu Police Station received a distress call that members of rival cult groups from Alakara in Mushin and Onipanu in Shomolu, who were armed with dangerous weapons, had engaged each other in a fierce supremacy fight at Fadeyi, along the Ikorodu Road.

“During the clash, one Tobi Kuti, suspected to be one of the hoodlums, and one Samuel Geoffrey of DTD Services, Apapa, who was caught up in the web, were killed by the hoodlums.

“Patrol teams and operatives of tactical units were promptly deployed in the scene. The teams swiftly contained the situation and restored normalcy in the area. Thirty-three suspects were arrested in connection with the incident and two locally-made shotguns with 10 live cartridges and other dangerous weapons such as cutlasses, knives, etc were recovered.

“The command has deployed more resources to the affected areas for a manhunt of other fleeing members of the gangs. Investigation is ongoing. The Commissioner of Police, Zubairu Mu’azu, called on parents to monitor the activities of their children, especially those who engage themselves in cult activities and gangsterism, as the command is duty-bound to deal decisively with criminal elements in line with the law and protect the lives of the good people of Lagos State.”