

# One killed as hoodlums attack truck park in Lagos

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There was pandemonium on Wednesday as suspected hoodlums laid siege to Lilypond Truck Transit Park, burning patrol vehicles belonging to the Nigerian Ports Authority and killing an unidentified truck driver.

Our correspondent gathered that offices within the Lilypond facility were also attacked.

According to eyewitnesses, trouble started on Tuesday when the Lagos Task Force on Environmental Sanitation went under the Lilypond/Ijora under bridge to clear shanties and drive away street traders from the area.

The move was said to have angered the hoodlums who started pelting members of the task force with water sachets and stones.

Policemen attached to the Task Force were said to have responded by shooting tear gas at the hoodlums.

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The same Task Force members repeated the visit on Thursday with reinforcement, when the hoodlums launched mayhem on the facility attacking properties and injuring innocent citizens.

An eyewitness who craved anonymity said, “When the Lagos State Task Force came, they were arresting women selling food and drinks under the bridge and the boys at the scene prevented them from arresting the women. They hauled stones at them and in the process, they (police) fired tear gas and went away with about two or three women.

“They left, so I am surprised that the same Task Force came back today but with reinforcement which led to a clash between the Task Force and the area boys.

“This is Lagos State Task Force not the Presidential Task Team.”

A truck driver who was running for his dear life fell down and was stabbed to death by the hoodlums.

The General Manager, Security of NPA, Mr Olumide Omotoso, while condemning the attack said that the facility had been shut down temporarily pending when the situation would be brought under control, adding that business can only thrive in a secure and safe environment.

“There is commotion and crisis in one of our facilities, Lilypond Transit Truck Park and we had to come to do an on-the-spot-assessment to be sure of what the actual situation looks like.

“The Police have waded in and we do not want to jeopardise investigation. We have restored normalcy.”

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