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Group Raises Alarm Over Violence On Lagos Island

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Ereke Youth Development Association has raised an alarm over

frequent violent clashes that have resulted in loss of lives and destruction of properties on Lagos Island.

In a press statement signed by the President of the group, Alhaji Kunle Lawal, the group stated that the city of Lagos, particularly Lagos Island, has not known any peace in the past one year.

The areas where these unfortunate developments is rampant are: Idumota, Ereko, Balogun adjoining Oke-Arin, Ebute Ero, Isale-Ofin and Apongbon, all in central Lagos.

The association referred to a violent incident created by the Oke-Arin thugs on Monday, 23 October, 2006

during the Eid-il fitri salah celebration at Ereke/Idumota area which led to the death of a 7-year-old child and said the violence would have escalated if not for the intervention of the police, as people were being dispossessed of their belongings including money, jewelry and GSM telephone sets.

According to them "our concern, therefore is that if this area indeed forms the largest international market space in the ECOWAS region and it plays such a significant role in the nation's economy in view of the billions of naira changing hands there on a daily basis, the common sense simply makes it very important for government and well-meaning Nigerians to pay utmost attention to whatever happens there if the national's economic development is not to be disrupted."

They therefore appealed to the government, the police and other well-meaning members of the society to urgently address the problems of bloodshed, political thuggery, killings and violence and brazen attack on people and property in the Oke-Arin area.

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