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Lagos: 2 killed, several injured as rival gangs clash at birthday

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Two people were on Wednesday night killed as rival gangs disrupted a birthday party in the Somolu area of Lagos State

According to witnesses at the scene of the incident, some guests at the party sustained gunshots injuries as the warring gangsters shot sporadically

One of the deceased persons identified as Alabi, aka Para, was hit by bullet during the exchange of gunfire by the gang members.

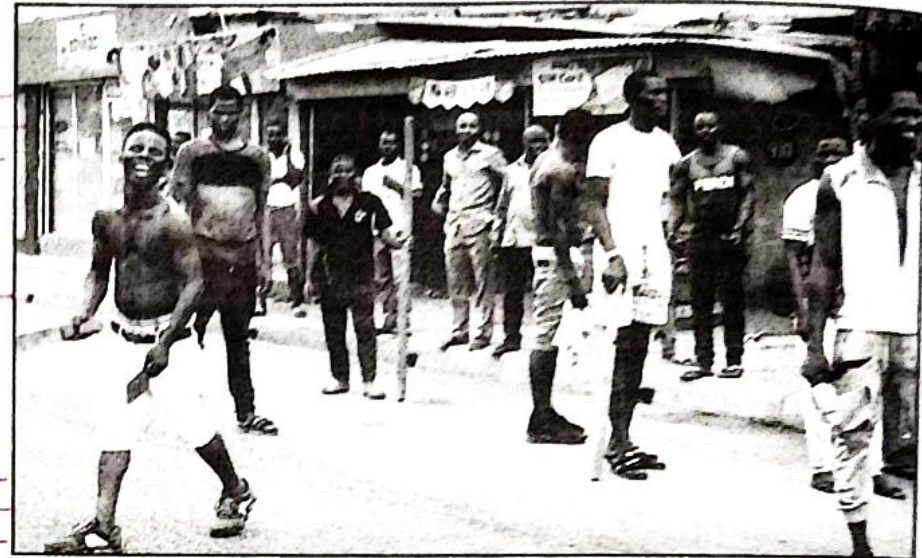
The incident, which reportedly occurred at Okesuna Street, off Abiodun in Somolu, created serious confusion in the area, as residents and passersby scrambled in different directions, following the exchange of gun fire.

A resident, who simply identified himself as Adesegun told our correspondent that the incident happened during a birthday celebration of one of the big boys in Okesuna area, Olumide Adebayo, popularly known as 'Ogbor'.

"It actually started between one Bari Lukmon, aka Baggio and Dayo, aka Afilo, but another gangster from Somolu, Tope, aka Sypon joined the clash.

The eye witness also narrated that at the party, it was Tope Sypon and Dayo Afilo that had a misunderstanding, but because of the battle for superiority in Bariga between Lukmon Baggio and Afilo, he (Baggio) supported Sypon against Afilo.

Another resident of Abiodun Street, who pleaded anonymity, told New Telegraph that, "They started with exchange of hot words, but suddenly they start-



Gang war

ed throwing bottles and other things at each other."

"Before long, we started hearing gunshots and people running in different directions as the hoodlums chased one another around with axes and

machetes."

When contacted, the Lagos State Command Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP Benjamin Hundeyin claimed not to have been briefed on the incident.