

Cop, 2 Persons Die in Ibadan

A policeman and two people were yesterday reported dead in Ibadan, Oyo state, following a bloody clash involving traders of Agbeni-Ogunpa market, some persons believed to be hoodlums and

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anti-riot policemen

Besides, no fewer than 15 people were reportedly injured over the clash.

An eyewitness told THIS-DAY that trouble started Tuesday night after a misunderstanding between the hoodlums and some rubber footwear traders snowballed into a serious battle which by yesterday led to the death of two people and one of the policemen dispatched to the scene to quell the riot.

The fight later spread to other business districts in the area including Lebanon Street,

Oba Adebimpe Road, Amunigun, Ogunpa Oyo, Salvation and Salvation Army Road, forcing traders to hurriedly close shop and fled to safety.

It was reliably gathered that some of the traders, particularly the women, had invited the law enforcement agents with intent to suppress what they alleged to be an oppressive move by street urchins who had menacingly been pilfering their wares with absolute impunity.

A detachment of police, deployed to quell the crisis, were reportedly attacked by the hoodlums who were said to have been in possession of sophisticated armaments.

Census Report to Senate

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from the President on the report. The letter, dated January 23, 2007, was a response to the Senate decision, last week, to return the report to the President for breach of constitutional procedure in its submission to the Upper Legislative Chamber.