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One Killed as Hoodlums Clash in Sango

From Sheriff Balogun in Abeokuta, 04.17.2010

Sango area of Ogun State turned into a battlefield yesterday as Vigilante group as well as miscreants stormed the main road connecting Lagos and Ogun State and engaged themselves in a physical combat leaving a middle-aged man dead in the early hours of yesterday.

The crisis caught many people unawares as cause could not be ascertained as at press time but it was gathered that the free for all fight got to its climax around the site of Julius Berger Plc situated under the fly-over.

This however made the area deserted as shops were locked and a team of mobile policemen were seen parading the area to check the activities of the hoodlums.

However, an eyewitness account who spoke with newsmen said the crisis started when, "the driver hit a man who died later but he immediately tried to escape; so, those around 'arrested' him. The matter later degenerated into fighting as the boys around the bridge started creating confusion in the area."

He added that "traders, who populated the area, immediately closed for the day while several others who had not arrived their shops, stayed back for fear of being caught in the mayhem."

Meanwhile, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Muyiwa Adejobi confirmed the clash, saying it was between the town's vigilante group and street hoodlums.

According to him: "It was a fracas between the vigilante group and the Area Boys. Our men are already on the ground there to ensure that there is order and peace even though we don't know the cause now. We are going to ascertain that later. We are going to clamp down on them because we are sure that the vigilante will be doing their security job while the area boys will not like that."

He alleged that the miscreants had been "given the state commend a lot of headache," saying the police would soon tackle the hoodlums, whom he described as criminals.

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