

# 1 Killed in Police, Area Boys Clash

Following the clash between some police officers and hoodlums popularly known as area boys at the Iyana-Ipaja area of Lagos yesterday, one unidentified person was left dead. THISDAY investigations revealed that the police officers were trying to enforce a September 19 order by the state command for touts to desist from extorting commercial bus drivers and okada riders when all hell was let loose. The directive which was proposed and backed by the deputy commissioner of police in charge of operations Mr Tunde Shobulo followed a series of complaints by commercial drivers in the state on the increase of money extorted from them. The directive ensured that mobile and conventional policemen were be stationed permanently at Iyana-Ipaja under bridge area to enforce the order which limited the collection of fees by touts to designated bus-stops in the state. Despite the order, some of the touts at the Iyana Ipaja area were said to have flouted it leading to the clash. Confirming the directive, the state police spokesman, Mr. Samuel Jinadu, a deputy superintendent of police, said the order was for security purposes, adding that it was to also to ensure that criminals did not use non-designated parks for criminal activities as well as ensure free flow of traffic.