

# Two Die as Secondary Students Go on Rampage in Ogun

Kayode Fasua in Abeokuta

Commercial activities and vehicular movements were yesterday paralysed in some parts of Abeokuta, the Ogun State capital, when secondary school students of two public schools engaged each other in a violent attack over the death of two of their colleagues who were killed during a gambling session.

Senior secondary students of the Baptist Boys High School (BBHS), Abe, reportedly invaded Ilugun

High School located within the Federal Housing Estate (FHE) in the Sape axis of the metropolis to avenge the death of their colleagues allegedly stabbed to death at the previous week's gambling bout.

THISDAY's investigations revealed that the BBHS students, who were armed with guns, cutlasses, broken bottles and assorted charms, among other dangerous weapons, invaded Ilugun High School and started shooting sporadically in every direction and chanted anti-management songs to warn the

principal and teachers to stay off.

The incident forced teachers and students of the school to run in different directions so as not to be caught up in the crisis, which later spread to all adjoining streets of the metropolis.

Shop owners, who had earlier opened for businesses also hurriedly closed down and scampered for safety, while vehicles and commuters also deserted the area for fear of being affected by the incident.

One of the shop owners in the area, who managed to return after

security operatives had taken over the situation, told THISDAY that the students of the two schools were last week involved in gambling of which those of the BBHS won massively at the expense of their colleagues in Ilugun.

The gambling, however, degenerated into a conflict, during which "two BBHS students were stabbed with broken bottles."

One of the stabbed BBHS students reportedly died last Friday, while the second one died yesterday.