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3 killed as area boys unleash terror on Lagos

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Three persons were killed on Monday while many others were injured as social miscreants, popularly known as area boys clashed in Fadeyi area of Lagos State.

The yet-to-be identified deceased people were, however, said to be passers-by who were caught in the exchange of gun fire between the two warring factions.

The entire Fadeyi, Onipanu and Jibowu were thrown into panic as the area boys made lives miserable, not only for residents of the areas, but for motorists and passengers along the Ikorodu Road.

The ever busy expressway was, for over 20 minutes, deserted as the social miscreants shot at themselves and brandished all sorts of dangerous weapons including charms and broken bottles.

The warring factions had reportedly converged on both sides of Ikorodu road at Fadeyi Bus Stop early on Monday morning with the intent to take over the control of the disputed park.

Nigerian Tribune learnt that, no sooner had members of the two gangs met than they started shelling themselves with dangerous weapons, forcing waiting passengers and motorists to flee for safety.

The image maker in charge of the state police command, Samuel Jinadu, while speaking with the Nigerian Tribune confirmed the riot but denied that anybody was killed.

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