

2 killed, 25 injured as residents clash with Police in Yewa

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ABEOKUTA — NO fewer than two persons were feared dead and 25 others injured following a bloody clash on Thursday night between some residents of Owode-Yewa in Ogun State and some policemen.

Already 20 persons have been arrested in connection with the clash.

Saturday Vanguard gathered that trouble started when some people went to Owode Police Station to report a case of assault and the policemen said to have been sent to invite the other party to the assault were also assaulted.

The two policemen sent were said to have had their way blocked by the some traders at the market who insisted that their colleagues would not be arrested.

In the scuffle that ensued, the policemen were said to have been beaten prompting the Divisional Police Officer to de-

ploy more men to the market.

The policemen were said to have fired several canisters of tear gas while the rioters were said to have used matchets, charms and other dangerous weapons.

...as truck crushes 3 to death

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LAGOS — AT least three persons including a blind beggar were feared dead and several others injured in a multiple auto crash that occurred yesterday along the Lagos\ Abeokuta road.

The accident involving a truck painted in the colours of a brewing company, and two other vehicles, happened at Ikeja along Bus-stop at about 11am. Eyewitness account said the truck with registration number XF 683 EKY was coming from the Abeokuta end

Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Olufemi Awoyale, who confirmed the incident denied that anybody was killed in the clash. Mr. Awoyale who explained that 11 policemen were wounded added that no fewer than 20 persons have been arrested.

when it suddenly lost control. In his bid to control the truck, the driver with unknown identity, skidded off his lane and hit another truck loaded with food-stuffs.

Efforts by driver of another fully loaded commercial bus with registration number XD 246 AGR, to bring his vehicle to a halt failed as it reportedly rammed into the truck. A road side blind beggar said to have been hit by the truck, died on the spot while the fate of three passengers including the driver of the commercial bus who were brought out unconscious, was uncertain. Other passengers sustained varying degrees of injury while struggling to come out of the bus.

