

Three feared dead, scores injured in renewed touts' clash in Oshodi

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LAGOS—At least three persons were yesterday feared dead and scores of others severely injured in

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ed Tax (VAT) amongst others and called on Nigerians to fully participate in the strike to lessen the negative impact of the hike on the people's cost of living.

In a statement by JAF's President and General Secretary, Dr. Dipo Fashina and Comrade Abiodun Aremu respectively, also noted the government should reverse the sales of Port Harcourt and Kaduna Refineries, Egbin Power Plant, immediate implementation of the 15% salaries increases to workers at all levels, immediate payment of Arrears of Monetisation benefits and immediate halt to the retrenchment of workers amongst other demands.

According to the statement: "JAF fully endorsed the positions of NLC and TUC on the two weeks ultimatum given to the Yar'Adua Government that is still grappling with problems of legitimacy to reverse the anti-people, anti-Labour and unconstitutional economic policies that were executed through administrative fiat in the last 96 hours of the exit of the ignoble dictatorial regime of General Obasanjo.

a renewed clash between factions of motor park touts otherwise known as agbero at Oshodi area of Lagos.

The lingering crisis over ownership of Oshodi motor parks which is regarded as one of the largest motor parks in Lagos state, took another dimension, when a faction of the touts Sunday night, reportedly launched an attack on their opponents at Bolade end of Oshodi.

The attack which was seen as an affront by the [redacted] party, escalated into what was described as the bloodiest clash since the war [redacted] the garages began, as the [redacted] reportedly took to the [redacted] expressway and its [redacted] unleashing mayhem [redacted] at sight.

In an [redacted] show of total disregard to the laws of the land, both sides freely used dangerous weapons such as bottles, cutlasses, jack-knives, axes, charms and amulets. They were said to have even shunned a police patrol team who initially came to restore peace, saying the matter was beyond police handling.

Several motorists had their windscreen shattered while perishable goods were damaged and some shops looted by hoodlums who hijacked the opportunity.

The crisis paralysed commercial activities at the ever busy market as shop owners hurriedly locked up and ran for safety. Both human and vehicular movement were also affected as commercial buses avoided the war zone.

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