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## Crime waves in Lagos

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YABA Two persons have been arrested in connection with Tuesday night's invasion of Yaba College of Technology, Yaba by suspected cultists which led to the death of one person while several others sustained bullet wounds.

Some cult members numbering about 50 reportedly stormed the female hostel of the institution shooting sporadically. Their

mission, according to a student who pleaded anonymity, was to unleash mayhem on another cult group. They were said to be members of an unknown confraternity in another institution.

The shooting which reportedly lasted over two hours, jolted students of the citadel of learning who ran in different directions to avoid being hit by stray bullets. City Scope learnt that it took the intervention of operatives from the State Criminal Investigations Department (SCID), Panti, Yaba for calm to return to the institution. One of those shot during the shootout died later at the hospital while those injured are still receiving treatment. Police sources identified the victim as Samuel Okeme while his colleague, Tijanni Shakiru was said to be responding to treatment in an undisclosed hospital.

Lagos State Police Command spokesman, Mr. Bode Ojajuni who confirmed the incident stated that two persons have been arrested in connection with the incident. He gave their names as; Amachukwu

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Ochougba and Ifeanyi Anozie and assured that the case was under investigation.

#### SURULERE:

The life of two middle-aged men were last Wednesday cut short at Ogunlana Drive, Surulere after a lorry ran over a commercial motorcyclist popularly called Okada and his passenger.

The gory incident which occurred around 10a.m. on the fateful day partially disrupted easy flow of traffic on the road as other motorcycle operators and motorists plying the route reportedly stopped to assist the victims after the unfortunate incident occurred.

Sources said the lorry with registration No. XH 331 FKJ, driven by one Akeem Yusuf reportedly ran over the motorcycle after it suddenly appeared from an adjacent street on the road.

In a bid to avoid hitting the motorcycle, the lorry driver was said to have swerved to the other lane on the road but, was unable to save the situation as it reportedly hit the motorcycle, leaving the rider and his passenger identified as Friday O. Isaac and Kayode Odunsi trapped under his vehicle.

Police men from Surulere Police Station who arrived the scene to assist in the rescue operation, later removed the corpse of the victims to the public mortuary.

#### OBALENDE

Social and commercial activities were brought to a temporary halt last Wednesday after commercial motorcycle riders popularly called Okada numbering over 40 took to the streets of Obalende and Ikoyi, Lagos, protesting the gruesome murder of one of them by motor park miscreants otherwise known as Agbero.

Sources said the deceased identified as Dauda Ahmed was allegedly killed by some miscreants along Federal Secretariat Road after he failed to pay an unspecified amount of money as park toll for the day. The deceased reportedly told them that he was not with any money as he just came out for the day's activities and pleaded to be given some time in order to get the specified amount of money.

Eyewitness said the hoodlums reportedly refused to listen to his plea and later seized his vehicle keys. In an argument that ensued, the hoodlums numbering about three beat the deceased who later fell as a result of the battering he received.

Other motorcycle operators plying the route who later saw the lifeless body of one of them reportedly stopped to assist him but they found that he was dead.

They later intimidated the executives of their Obalende park and Police men from Area "A" police command who later arrived the scene of the incident and moved the corpse to the public mortuary.

The motorcycle operators later barricaded the Obalende/Federal Secretariate Road, protesting what they described as gruesome murder of one of them. The protest disrupted free vehicular movement in the affected areas. However, anti-riot policemen from Area "A" Lion

Building later arrived the scene and dispersed the protesters.

**OREGUN:**

Tragedy struck weekend at Oregun, Ikeja area of Lagos when a middle-aged man who had gone to separate a fight between two brothers and two others died as a result of a push from one of them.

Sources said the victim identified as Emmanuel Okocha who resides at No. 19, Sadatu Street, Oregun was on his way to see a friend in the area when he reportedly saw some people fighting at Oregun Bus Stop along Kudirat Abiola Way, Oregun.

Eye witnesses said two brothers identified as Yusuf Balogun and Ganiyu Balogun had engaged the duo of Kazeem and one Tunde in an argument over an undisclosed matter which later degenerated into a serious fight which attracted the attention of Emmanuel and other passers-by along the road.

Reports said Emmanuel took the arm of one of the fighters in an apparent move to stop them from fighting when he allegedly fell and hit his head on the tarred road as a result of a push from one of the warring brothers.

Police men from the State Criminal Investigations Department (SCID) Panti Street, Yaba, who were intimated about the gory incident immediately arrived the scene and arrested all the fighters. The corpse of the victim was also removed to the public mortuary for autopsy.

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