

4 killed as police, youths clash in Lagos

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NO fewer than four persons were feared dead and 25 others seriously injured during an early morning clash that erupted at the Ajegunle area of Lagos State between the police and a mob protesting alleged murder of a man

by the police. The victim was identified as Charles Okafor, aged 23.

Several houses and vehicles burnt during the protest which saw some anti-riot policemen from the Ajeromi Police Division engaging the mob in a free for all, along Bale Street. The mob had attempted to burn down the

station.

Traders at the popular Boundary market shut their shops and fled for fear of being attacked by the mob.

It was gathered that the victim whose death sparked the protest was killed while watching a match between Liverpool and Benfica at a viewing center lo-

cated at Yunusa Street, off Olayinka last Thursday.

An eyewitness, who gave his name as Adewale Idris and claimed to be a friend to the deceased, said the police had invaded the viewing center and ordered everybody inside to lie face down while they searched their pockets.