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# Lagos: Killings continue in Mile 12 ethnic clash

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Some parts of the Mile 12 market and environs in Kosofe Local Government Area of Lagos, yesterday, were tension-soaked following fresh killings by armed hoodlums suspected to be from the Northern part of the country. Four persons were reported killed in the renewed midnight ethnic clash which started on Wednesday night. *Saturday Vanguard* gathered that in spite of the curfew imposed in the area, some armed men arrived at the early hours of yesterday through the canal and destroyed some shops in the market. Some homeless persons sleeping in the market and adjoining streets were suspected to have been killed.

A resident, who simply gave his name as Oluwatimileyin, said: “The Hausa men crossed the Agilinti river with canoe and attacked residents of an estate at Isheri North, last night. They even burnt some buildings”.

Irked by the invasion, some armed Yoruba youths converged close to the market in readiness for another clash at about 1pm. The irate youths, who chanted war songs attempted to invade the market and destroy shops

belonging to Hausa traders. But they were dispersed by security operatives with tear gas cannisters.

Consequently, residents in the affected streets have been fleeing their abodes, following alleged threats by some Hausa youths to set their houses on fire at midnight. Also, Hausa residents in the area have abandoned their homes for fear of being caught in the ethnic war. The popular Mile 12 market was Thursday, turned into a theatre of war, during which no fewer than 12 persons were killed and several others injured. What started like a storm in a tea cup on Tuesday, snowballed into a big fracas two days later.



Ketu-traders

The ongoing crisis which began with a verbal confrontation took a violent twist after a commercial motorcyclist popularly called *okada* hit a female trader. Consequently, the popular Mile 12 market was shut by the state government, with curfew imposed on four neighbouring streets: Maidan, Agilinti 1, Agilinti 2 and Oniyanrin, close to the market.

## How it happened

According to eye witnesses' account, a commercial motorcyclist from the northern part of the country who was riding against traffic hit one of the residents, a Yoruba woman who sustained severe injuries. This attracted

sympathy from co-residents, who argued that she should be taken to a nearby hospital at the expense of the rider.

The *Okada* rider bluntly refused the idea and called his colleagues from the same ethnic group, during which a fight ensued. This matter was amicably settled by some community leaders. Unfortunately, the victim passed on the following day, a development that drew the anger of the woman's friends and subsequently led to fresh crisis on Thursday.



On that Thursday most of those who became victims of the clash were commuters either going or returning from work. Sensing danger, the *Okada* rider's friends and other co-*okada* riders from the Northern extraction re-mobilised and positioned themselves in various places wielding dangerous weapons to attack the Yoruba. The

news spread such that some hoodlums took advantage of the situation by proceeding to Mile 12 market to vandalise and loot the traders' shops.

On noticing the development, the Hausa also strategised to torch and vandalise vehicles and buildings and by the time the dust settled, no fewer than 12 lives were lost while 12 buildings, 10 vehicles and other valuable items were destroyed.

### **Victims' accounts**

Some of the victims, who spoke to *Saturday Vanguard*, condemned the

belated response of the Police at Mile 12 Division. “The Police at Mile 12 did not respond on time and when they eventually arrived the scene, they could not stop the raging war,” Mr Igba Andrew, one of the victims, who was badly injured and who also had his two-year-old son kidnapped during the incident said: “I was at home when some Hausas came with guns, broken bottles and machetes and forcefully took my son away and up till now, his whereabouts remain unknown,”

A clergy, Pastor Adekunle Tanimowo, had his only building, church and car razed. “I am left with nothing and only God can restore me. I was in the church preparing for the day’s event when my wife screamed in the house and I rushed to attend to her but to our surprise, some men were seen afar off conversing in Hausa language and we sensed danger. Without wasting time, we fled the scene with our children and while hiding somewhere, I got a call from somebody who alerted me that all our properties have been torched by the attackers.”

### **They left me when I spoke Hausa – Survivor**

Another victim, Mr Kunle Afariogun, who escaped death by the whiskers said he ran into the hoodlums on his way back from work. “Thank God I understand Hausa language, if not, only God knows what would have happened to me. I was on my way home when I ran into them and they asked me if I were an Hausa man and I answered in the affirmative. But they were not convinced and asked me to start speaking in Hausa Language which I did and they responded in Hausa Language ‘he is one of us, don’t kill him.’”

A resident of Agilinti, Mrs Oluwakemi Ologbon, who is presently seeking refuge in Ikorodu, said she was scared to return to the area. “My husband is

taking refuge with his friend while I am taking refuge with my elder sister. Yesterday's experience was a signal that Boko Haram has infiltrated Lagos and the government must act fast. Thank God I escaped with all my children but what about so many people who have lost their means of livelihood? Six buildings to my house were razed when I fled with my family but my husband decided to stay elsewhere while we all came to Ikorodu," she said.

### **Residents flee homes over possible reprisal attacks**

When *Saturday Vanguard* visited the community, it was gathered that many residents had left their homes in order to avoid being lynched by the hoodlums. A resident, Motunrayo, who spoke to *Saturday Vanguard* on phone said: "I have left for Mowe. And I am not the only one who has left the community. Some members of the community had gone as far as Ibadan. I don't want to die. I believe that going to Mowe will help me evade any attack."

On how she escaped, she said: "We moved through the bush path. And on getting to Isheri-Osun axis, we boarded vehicles to our respective locations." Motunrayo noted that they would not return until there was strong assurance from the government and the traditional rulers of both communities that normalcy has returned.

### **Ambode meets traditional rulers in crisis location**

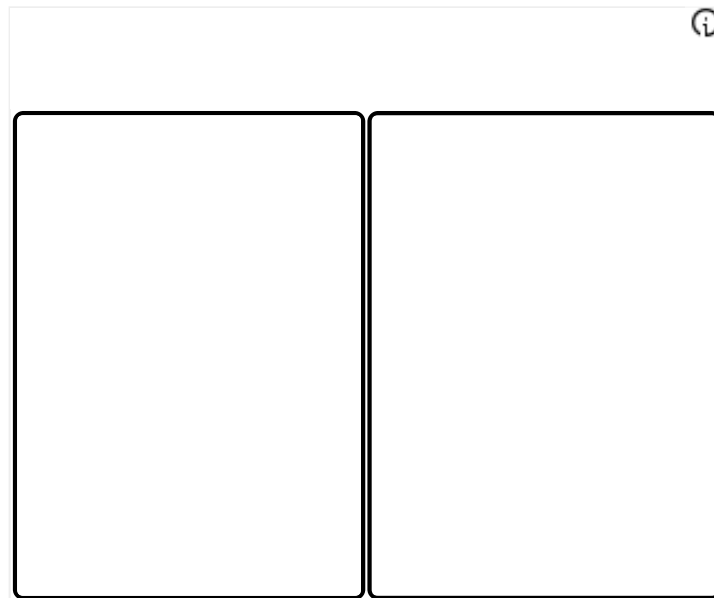
Meanwhile, Governor Akinwunmi Ambode, yesterday, met with traditional leaders of Mile 12 and environs, to find ways of resolving the ongoing fracas, 24 hours after declaring curfew in the area. At the meeting held behind closed doors in Alausa Secretariat, Ikeja, sources said that Ambode who

was represented by the Secretary to the State Government, SSG, Mr. Tunji Bello, asked the traditional rulers to instruct their people to sheathe their swords in order for peace to return to the community.

**Saturday Vanguard** gathered that the Governor assured the traditional rulers that the government was working with the security operatives to end the frequent face-off between the Hausa and Yoruba communities in the axis. In an interview with *Saturday Vanguard*, Baale of Maidan-Mile 12, Babatunde Ogunjobi, said that the crux of our meeting was on the ongoing crisis in Mile 12, saying “we used the opportunity to express our displeasure over the crisis rocking our community.”

However, armed security men have been strategically positioned to ward off any reprisal attack. *Saturday Vanguard* gathered over 50 persons were arrested yesterday in connection with the crisis and were currently being detained at the State Criminal Intelligence and Investigation Department, SCIID. Spokesperson for the Lagos State Police Command , Dolapo Badmus, said there was no fresh killing yesterday.

She said “the police have dominated the place since Thursday. We are also assisted by the Nigerian Army. We have almost 141 people arrested in connection with the case and we will charge them to court. The suspects were arrested since yesterday (Thursday ) up to the early hours of this morning (yesterday) . Investigation is still ongoing”.

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Vanguard newspaper is an evil newspaper which is happy to report bloodshed. By God Grace normalcy will return to Lagos and Nigeria at large.

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[@Ifeanyilbe](#) u are a fool, one love my foot ! The Yorubas should reap what they sowed !

One Nigeria is a fraud and evil ! They should wake up ! It is only a fool who does not know that one Nigeria is a fraudulent game played by the profit seeking British vagaboons ! What u people are going through in the zoo was programmed by the British. Continue deceiving urself with one Nigeria. Good morning, Yorubas ! I stand by !

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dt is good,after biafra freedom,hausa and yorba land will turn like sumalia,this one is just moi moi

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remember we are together with yaroba in Northern Nigeria.

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Chukwujekwu Uzokwe na you get your mouth, i see it coming, and i see more of the attacks coming. bigot like you.

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why state the obvious nd ignore "the silent truth"???

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ur a big fool,besterd

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and Cause Hausa/Fulani lol

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Hahaha! My people is there no more Ro\_robbers in this page again. Have they all dead that, they cant comment again?

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Olatunde Ogunbadejo i like your comments so much and i am a Yoruba fan/ally. but the problem with my beloved yoruba brothers/sis is, when ever anything about IGBOS surfaced on the internet, they yorubas likey to carry it on their head, even when the problem is between other tribes and Igbo, without yorubas being involved. infact, due to yoruba are my best friends in

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where is tunubu,fashula and osibanjo pls tell them dat is the result of election

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Two best friends killing themself Mennnh dis is vry fnny

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Let's just consider biafra as dream yet to be manifested..... Am just reacting to the tray of the comment. Ibos comments and reactions.

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What a Shame on my brothers the Yorubas. You Insulted & Blackmailed your people in the name of "Change" out of Power. See what these Evil people who Don't Believe in Nigeria are Doing in YOUR LAND! May God SAVE us!!!

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channeling ur hates to ibos instead of ur slave masters and tormentors the hausas display the high level of ur cowardice. better get ur g..n. mile twelve is burning

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Dey lost many life's due 2 their rash decisions

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Adeniyi leave dis dumpfellow pple yoruba's do not take rash decisions like dey use 2 do which dem(igbos) many life's #BRAINLESS IGBO'S

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Nigeria can never be one because if you study very well from 1914 Nigeria amalgamated nothing like love in Nigeria all u wil see is killing and slaughtering humanbeing like fowls...'as for me Nigeria should let Baifra go because i do any unity in this Nigeria let those politicians stope deceiving u people by shouting one Nigeria because Nigeria is man made country for mayopic reason...'because by the time it burst everybody wil feel the heat...

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This is the result living among animals

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Lol, we all knw dah since d beginning of Nigeria, Igbo's were never and can never b cowards. Then again we should not call any1 names. But we hav 2 get a solution

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Hausas are low animals in human flesh. No right thinking person should tease or make a jest of Yorubas in this carnage/mayhem because they are sparing nobody. The wicked sons of the devil are killing both Yorubas, Igbos & Niger deltans. You are only free if you can speak Hausa language to them & then you will be counted as one of them.

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Very soon hausa/fulani will chase your stupid nd coward obas out of yo\_robber land.d\*ckheads!

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fear,fear tribe like yo\_robber slaves running away from their masters.useless people!

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i swear to GOD yo\_ROBBERS are the worst people on earth,how can a whole tribe be so afraid to comment against their hausa/fulani masters not to talk of complaining in front of them this is unbelievable,if it is about igbos they would've filled the page with stupid comments.useless nd hopeless cowards and betrayers!

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Dt serves dem right. No mercy

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I don't blame the four runners out of there land bcos when igbo's are talking about separation it sounds as if is only in igbo land.....live them make them dey run soon there will be nothing like oduduwa...seems the oduduwa's are running away I will know the place they are running to.....all they are good in is to carry soup join together with ebaa or go they gather herbs from Bush.....even the alayee boys who see them.....well shall still on still na them fight go speak for biafra.....by all of them ga bia fu ka osi meeeeeee!!!!!!

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Thankyou my brother

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Point of correction,the igbo are not angry because yoruba did not vote our man but against the agitation of biafra

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Nigeria is a contraption ever dripping with blood,  
a nation where blood shed in supposed peace time equal war time,  
where nationals are strangers when not in their states of origin,  
where human killings are viewed like entertaining home video,  
where freedom of religious worship is not equal,  
where Mr. President display open hatred for part of the nation,  
where Senators and members of House of reps are not honorable but robbers,  
Governors are criminals,  
Ministers are robbers,  
Policemen are robbers,  
Lecturers are copycats without knowledge - only selling handouts,  
Graduates are products of handouts from copycats professors,  
Judges are corrupt, Lawyers are liars,  
Where Mr. Liar is Minister of Information.  
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good for them, they are cowards including all their generations

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