

Area boys' fight leaves two dead in Lagos

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Social miscreants otherwise known as *area boys* clashed, yesterday, at Fadeyi area of Lagos State, leaving two persons dead, just as one person was killed when some boys reportedly engaged Policemen in gun battle in Choba community, Obio/Akpor Local Government Area of Rivers State.

One of those who lost his life in the clash in Lagos was a dispatch rider, who was hit by stray bullet, while the other was a member of one of the factions.

The cause of the fight which took place about 11 am was unknown, but residents said they were jostled by sporadic gun shots, which sent them scampering in different directions for safety.

The crisis hampered commercial activities as well as vehicular movement along the busy Ikorodu Road. A team of policemen said to have stormed the area with the intention of arresting the situation were forced to leave the scene for re-enforcement.

A resident, who spoke to *Vanguard*, said: "The dispatch rider ran into them. Before he could make u-turn, a bullet hit him, killing him on the spot. This is not the first time

we are witnessing such fight here.”

However, at press time, normalcy had returned, with policemen patrolling the area. An Armoured Personnel Carrier, APC, was stationed in the area.

Contacted, Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Elkana Bala, said 33 persons had been arrested, adding that investigation was ongoing.