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Death toll rises to three in Osun NURTW crisis



The death toll has risen to three following the killing of a chieftain of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW), Kazeem Oyebamiji, an aide to the Osun State Chairman of the union, Kazeem Oyewole(Asiri Eniba), as reprisal attacks escalated.

The Nation recalled that Oyebamiji was allegedly killed on Sunday by gang members of one Emir while he was on bike.

Following the incident, the group loyal to Eniba allegedly carried out a reprisal attack which left three residents of Osogbo dead while others sustained gunshot injuries.

Since then, three people have been confirmed killed.

One of the victims of the reprisal attack named as Abiodun Olanipekun, who was hit by a stray bullet, was confirmed dead at UNIOSUN Teaching Hospital Hospital, Osogbo after sustaining spine injury and respiratory failure.

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The victim's aunt, Afon Oluwafunke, while narrating the ordeal to The Nation said: "He said he was going to buy garri for supper, after coming from work. When he finished drinking the garri, he sat at the woman's shop. He had a friend, who the woman gave N200 to buy akara on that same road.

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He saw Biodun and asked if they would be work the following day. ‘Did the engineer have work for us tomorrow?’ That was what they were discussing when some men who drove Hilux and Camry cars, parked and came down aggressively, asked: ‘What are you doing there!’ That’s how they started shooting.”

“The one in the main ward was also shot on the arm, he fell, and Biodun fell on him when they were attempting to escape the gunshot. The bullet hit Biodun on the neck and back, we came to pick up his body in the mortuary, and we were told we should get his death certificate, and that’s what we are working on now.”

When contacted, the Osun State Police Command through its spokesperson, Abiodun Ojelabi, said no arrest had been made. He also denied knowledge of a reprisal attack.