

Robbery suspect shot dead in Ikirun

ONE person was feared dead and two policemen were injured yesterday during a clash at Ikirun in the Ifelodun Local Government Area of Osun State.

Trouble began when some members of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) allegedly attacked the two policemen, in plain clothes and who were trailing some armed robbery suspects.

The suspects were said to

have robbed a man at Ibokun in Obokun Local Government Area while they fled in an unidentified car towards Ikirun.

Moments after the robbery, the victim was said to have reported the matter to the police at Ibokun, where the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) was said to have directed the two policemen in plain clothes to pursue the armed robbers in company of the victim.

The policemen were said to

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have cornered the suspects at Eko-Ende area of Ikirun, but on sighting the security agents, the suspects abandoned their car and fled into the bush.

This was said to have prompted the policemen to fire at them, killing one on the spot, while the others escaped.

However, some members of the NURTW who were watching the incident mistook

the robbery suspects as their members and thought that the policemen had killed one of their men in cold blood.

Capitalising on an alleged already strained relationship between them and the police, the NURTW members pounced on the policemen and inflicted injuries on them.

Efforts to convince the NURTW members that the man killed was an armed robbery suspect fell on deaf ears.

Police spokesman in the state, Mr Joshua Olayemi

confirmed the incident. He said that it was unfortunate that those who attacked the policemen did not realise that the suspects being chased were armed robbers.

He enjoined the public to always cooperate with the police in its bid to reduce crime rate.

Meanwhile, another armed robbery suspect who was said to have been using fake gun to dispossess people of their valuables has been arrested by the police in Osogbo.