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## Annual masquerade: 6 feared killed in Abeokuta

**T**he annual traditional masquerade festival in Abeokuta, Ogun state capital, ended on a tragic note on Sunday as no fewer than six persons were feared dead and several others injured.

The incident, which occurred at Ago Ika area in Abeokuta North local government area of the state, kept residents indoors for several hours as the Police also had a hectic time restoring law and order.

It was gathered that a particular group has been claiming the superiority over the years, a development that has been generating envy and tension from the other contending group.

On the day of the clash,

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the acclaimed superior group was returning with its masquerade at about 7.30 pm, when the other group that has laid ambush suddenly jumped at the crowd and hell was let loose.

Dangerous weapons were reportedly used by the two groups during the clash that lasted several hours.

Motorists had to make detour of their routes, as areas such as Adedotun, Enu Gada, Mokola, Ago odo were all affected.

The state Police image maker, Femi Awoyale, confirmed the incident when *Daily Trust* contacted him.