## Three feared killed in Ogun NURTW Clash

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AT least three persons were killed while several others sustained injuries as two opposing factions of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) engaged in a bloody clash in Ifo, Ifo local government area of Ogun

The clash which occurred on Thursday evening paralyzed

commercial activities in the popular Ifo market and other parts of the town for several hours, as the hoodlums took over the town shooting sporadically.

One account of the clash said trouble started at the Iso-Fufu park when one of the NURTW members whose named was given as Suraju a.k.a Eleda was abducted and whisked away by thugs believed to be members of the Eiye Fraternity and was later returned dead. This reportedly drew the ire

of his loyalists and friends. But another version said the faction opposing the leadership of the Ifo Park chairman, Alameda, was bent on eliminating the present leadership of the NURTW in the town, hence the attack.

This version of the story was supported by the fact that house of the present secretary of the union

was attacked and three vehicles, a Pathfinder, 505 Peugeot Evolution and a Volvo car, were burnt. Six shops attached to the house were also torched.

The other two casualties died separately at Orelope bus stop and Abekoko. Witnesses said while the first died as a result of his inexperience in the handling of gun, the other came from Agbado-

Ijaiye in Lagos to avenge for his

friend when he met his waterloo.

At the Ifo Divisional Police Station yesterday, the District Police Officer (DPO), J.B. Dare, refused to speak on the issue, saying, "I cannot talk you on the issue at all except I get directive from the Commissioner of Police. I won't answer any question because I don't want to lose my

job. Even if you ask me my name I

won't answer you."