

1 killed, another injured in road NURTW, RTEAN clash in Niger

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One person was confirmed dead, while another person sustained serious injuries following a clash between members of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) and the Road Transport Employers Association of Nigeria (RTEAN) in Minna, Niger State yesterday. The bloody clash took place at the popular Abdulsalami park situated along the Minna-Suleja road.

Several vehicles were said to have been torched during the fracas which lasted two hours before the intervention of security operatives.

The bloody clash led to temporary suspension of commercial activities at the park as passengers deserted it, just as restaurants and other shop owners shut their doors to customers.

Although the cause of the clash could not be immediately ascertained, a witness who spoke on condition of anonymity claimed that trouble broke out when a son of a popular car dealer in Minna, simply referred to as Etsu Gwari was attacked by a member of the NURTW over a pending issue. Fight was said to have ensued when words of the development got out.

The state command's police public relation officer, DSP Bala Elkana who confirmed the incident said security agents brought the situation under control and that investigations into the matter had commenced.