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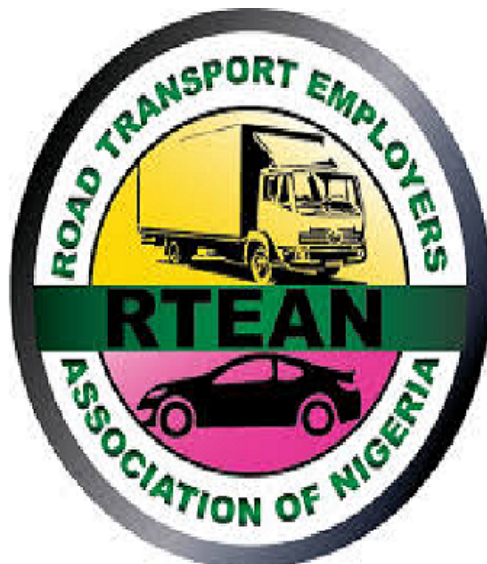
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Two persons have been feared killed and several others injured after members of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) and Tricycle Operators clashed in Abule Egba, Lagos.

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The incident which occurred on Saturday forced residents out of their homes for fear of being caught up in any crossfire, especially as it was believed that the deceased were passersby who were hit by stray bullets fired by the warring groups.

It was also gathered that two tricycle operators, Michael Taiwo and Komolafe Lekan, were allegedly shot during the crisis by the soldiers that responded to the crisis.

Witnesses said tension started between both groups over a week ago as a result of the decision by the tricycle operators' union to disengage from NURTW.

Chairman of Owode Community Development Association, Baba Seriki who confirmed that people were fleeing their homes, urged the state government to bring a lasting solution to the crisis.


The Lagos State police command spokesperson, Dolapo Badmos, a Superintendent of Police (SP) said the matter was being investigated. He did not comment on the casualty recorded.

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