

Two feared dead as thugs clash in Akure

NO fewer than two persons were feared dead while several others were seriously injured yesterday during two separate bloody clashes between two groups of thugs suspected to belong to the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Akure, the Ondo State capital.

It was learnt that the clash was caused by alleged sharing of monthly stipend being given to them by their godfathers while another faction was quarrelling over money given to them by some aspirants who are vying for the Akure North Local Council chairmanship position.

Eyewitness account told *The Guardian* that some of the political thugs ran

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away with the stipend to St. John Primary School at Idiroko street, Akure to share it among themselves but unknown to them, other members of the group traced them to the place to collect their share.

The Guardian learnt that during the fracas that ensued, one person was killed while about 30 others suffered various degrees of injuries.

Simultaneously, there was another fracas at the popular Arakale Road over the sharing of money given to some political thugs by some chairmanship aspirants in Akure South Local Council

where one of them was matcheted to dead.

It was learnt that trouble began when the leader of the thugs disappeared with the money.

The Guardian source said that other members of the group traced them to a beer parlour long Arakale road in Akure metropolis.

A fight subsequently broke out during which some of them were injured.

It was learnt that one of the injured later died in the state Specialist Hospital, Akure while several others are still receiving treatment at the hospital.

However, when the Police Public Relation Officer, Mr. Adeniran Aremu, was contacted about the matter, he said he had not been briefed.