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Rival Groups Clash In Ilorin

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Peace was disrupted in Ilorin, Kwara State capital, on Thursday evening when two rival groups of thugs clashed.

Ring leader of one of the groups, Suraju Akaje, died in the clash.

The thugs wounded many among themselves.

A mobile police constable, Clement Justin, who was in the detachment of anti-riot squad

drafted to the scene was also injured and a vehicle of the squad was reportedly damaged by the thugs.

The two groups were said to be loyal to different camps of two major political camps in the town.

But a source said it was a clash between Akaje group and another group of thugs from outside the state.

Akaje, who, according to sources, sustained machete cuts in the head, died around 6p.m. at

the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital, where he was rushed to for treatment.

He was regarded as a violent man and was feared by many people in the town for his violence.

The news of his death might have ignited violence which commenced around 8p.m. in some parts of the town.

The violence was prominent in Kuntu Junction and Agaka/Baboko areas, where some

vehicles were vandalised and burn fires were made on the streets.

The vehicles vandalised include a Mercedes Benz car with registration Number AE 786AFN, Toyota Cressida (AA727LRN) and an 18-seater commercial bus with registration number XA 858KRE.

The violence lasted till Friday morning and could not be abated until a detachment of anti-riot police squad stormed the scene.

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