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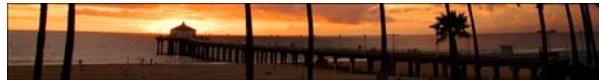
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**Nigeria: Twenty Killed in Ibadan as NURTW Factions Clash**

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5 June 2011

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Lagos/Ibadan — Hostility between the two factions of the Oyo State chapter of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) resurfaced in Ibadan on Saturday night and claimed 20 lives, including that of a Pastor.

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The reprisal, engineered by Deputy factional leader, Lamidi Mukaila (alias Auxiliary), lasted five hours. Several persons were wounded, about 20 shops burnt, 30 others looted, and 50 vehicles vandalised.

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Eyewitnesses said most of the victims were passengers waiting for night buses at Total filling station on the Ibadan-Ife Road.

Last Monday, the court-reinstated NURTW Chairman, Lateef Olorunko (alias Tokyo), took over the two-Road and Lagos-Ibadan Expressway interchanges, regarded as

Mukaila's domain.

Auxiliary mobilised to the place at about 11.45 p.m. on Saturday to dislodge Tokyo's men. About 50 thugs dressed in military uniform opened fire.

Most of those injured were taken to the University College Hospital (UCH), Ibadan. An official of the Oyo State Fire Services, Olunike Olayinka, disclosed that a distress call was received at about 9.30 a.m. on Sunday and when firemen arrived the scene at about 10 a.m., the shops were still burning.

She confirmed that 20 shops were burnt and property worth millions of Naira destroyed in the fire.

About 50 mobile policemen in eight patrol vehicles and four armoured personnel carriers have taken over the arena to restore peace and maintain law and order.

Police Spokesperson Tunji Ajimuda confirmed the arrest of 25 members of the NURTW.



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In Ogun State last Monday, armed robbers killed six policemen escorting a bullion van with about N100 million.

The incident occurred at about 4 p.m. at Isale Olorunda on the Aiyetoro-Imeko-Afon Road.

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The bullion van had gone to Imeko branch of a new generation bank and was conveying money to Abeokuta when it was ambushed by eight armed robbers who operated in a Toyota Hummer bus.

The robbers parked the bus by the roadside and placed a 'C Caution' plate on the ground purporting that it was faulty.

As the bullion van slowed down, they rained bullets on it and a back-up vehicle occupied by five armed policemen.

The five policemen were felled.

When a police team from Imala on patrol on the desolate road got to the scene, one of the policemen was also shot dead.

The robbers made away with the money and the police back-up vehicle through Aiyetoro to the Benin Republic border.

They shot another person dead when they got to Igan Okoto.

The trouble in the Oyo State NURTW goes back decades.

It was proscribed on August 7 last year by former Governor Adebayo Alao-Akala, after it had provided thugs for the late Lamidi Adebibu who dominated Ibadan politics until his death last year at the age of 80.

NURTW thugs often ensured the electoral victory of anyone Adedibu picked as Governor.

Tokyo vowed to resist the proscription and began to confront the NURTW faction headed by the late Lateef Salako (alias Eleweomo).

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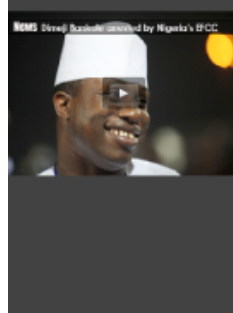
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such as Ojoo, Iwo-Road, Agodi-Gate, Beere, and Molete after the murder on August 7 last year of the leader of the NURTW Egbeda unit, Jelili Blue.

The government announced the proscription of the union about one hour after Tokyo took possession of the state NURTW secretariat in Olomi, Ibadan.

Tokyo described the action as unconstitutional and interference in the affairs of the union, saying his executive would resist it in the courts.

The face off produced a bloodbath on December 30 last year, resulting in the death of Eleweomo.

Senate Leader Teslim Folarin escaped death by a whisker.

Four vehicles were burnt and 10 others - including an official mini jeep of Ona-Ara Council Caretaker Chairman, Tunde Olayiwola - were smashed at the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) congress in Olunloyo, Ibadan.

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