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NURTW crisis persists in Delta

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MEMBERS of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) are at loggerheads, a situation that may shatter the peace enjoyed in Delta State.

The driver to the former chairman of NURTW, Ika South LGA chapter, Sunday Boi, was on Tuesday killed by gunmen. He is believed to be in his mid-twenties.

Mr. Dennis Araro, his former boss, it was gathered, was removed from office before the end of his tenure in controversial circumstances in January last year. He was said to be out of town when the hoodlums struck and

snuffed the life out of his driver.

The incident that occurred at Isedeh Street by Reservoir Junction caused pandemonium as people scammed for safety while the gun-wielding hoodlums laid siege, shooting sporadically in the area.

Two passersby were hit by stray bullets and are now receiving treatment at an undisclosed hospital.

Uncle to the deceased, Mr. John Etuokwu, is calling for justice, and has urged security agencies to speedily unmask the killers of his nephew and bring them to justice.

Acting Public Relations Officer of the state Police Command, ASP Monday Osayi, confirmed the kill-

ing, saying that the police were already on the trail of those who perpetrated the dastardly act.

A source in the community, who preferred not to be mentioned, alleged that the attack was carried out by some members of the union under the leadership of Mr. Amaechi Igunbor.

He accused Mr. Igunbor of using the local vigilante group as a tool of oppression since he took over as the union chairman, adding that those who killed Sunday Boi came in the vigilante vehicles.

But in a swift reaction, Mr. Igunbor said he heard about the killing, saying it was a clash between cult groups in the area that led to the killing of the Sunday Boi.