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# One Dies, Many Injured As OPC, RTEAN Clash Over Motor Park

**A**bdullahi Chafe, Ekiti State Police Commissioner, on Sunday confirmed fresh hostilities within the rank of the Road Transport Employers' Association of Nigeria (RETAN) and Oodua Peoples' Congress (OPC), in the state. Chafe told newsmen that an OPC member, Tope Ajibade (alias Ako-to), was allegedly injured by former Ekiti OPC chief, Niki Adedioe.

It was also gathered

that former RTEAN boss Rotimi Olanbiwoninu (alias Mentilo), is plotting to take over the leadership of the union in the State.

The incumbent RTEAN chairman, Rotimi Agbede claimed that the tenure of Olanbiwoninu had expired and could not lay claim to the chairmanship of the union.

All efforts to get reactions from the former

leaders proved abortive as their lines were switched off.

Both Adedipe and Olanbiwoninu have just brought discharge by court from murder charges.

The Ekiti Police Chief said a certain Tope Ajibade was assaulted and wounded on his head, and had some bruises on his hand on the said date.

He said the attack was

alleged to have come from a certain Adedipe, adding that though an arrest warrant of the suspect was ready, efforts to get him has proved futile but the case is still under investigation.

"We can confirm that one Niyi Adedipe, a factional member of OPC in the state, allegedly attacked one Tope Ajibade, an OPC member on January 31.

Based on the witnesses and victims' account, Adedipe had assaulted Ajibade who was wounded on his head and had bruises on his hand.

Meanwhile there was a peaceful rally of the APC members in Ado Ekiti on same day. Adedipe is currently been looked for by the police.

The man is nowhere to be found as we have been to his house and served notice of invitation on him. We have also charged him with deliberate assault and malicious damage to a car of one Sola Ojo.

I want to assure you that we are still looking for him and will bring him and we will hear his side of the story when we find him," he said.

Promising to ensure the safety of lives and property ahead of the July 14 gubernatorial election, Chafe, who addressed newsmen through his Deputy Commissioner of Police, (DCP), Dasuki Digalanji, said his men were ready to take on anyone who wants to dis-

rupt the peace the state is currently enjoying ahead of the poll.

In a petition, dated February 2, 2018, addressed to the Commissioner of police, Ekiti State command, the state governor, Ago Fayose, State Security Services, and National Secretary, RETAN, from the chambers of Agbede O. Rotimi and signed by Rotimi O. Agbede, he alleged that Olabiwonnu and two others, identified as Bayo Aderiye and Kayode Ajayi, did threatened to attack all the bus terminals where current members of RETE-AN in Ekiti are operating and take over from them.

The petition reads in part: "...the trio (Olabiwonnu, Aderiye and Ajayi), of the aforementioned people and some others held a rally on January 31, during which time they made an open declaration at Okeyinmi Street, Ado Ekiti to the effect that they are coming to attack all the motor parks that are being controlled and supervised by members of Road Transport Employers Association across Ekiti."



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