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2 Feared Dead, Scores Injured As Shi'ite Protest Turns Violent In Sokoto

No fewer than two persons were yesterday feared dead and several others wounded in Sokoto State as members of the Islamist group, Shi'ite, staged a procession to celebrate the release of their leader from detention.

The procession, which was held by a sect under the leadership of Sheikh Ibrahim El-Zakzaky, turned violent when some Sunni youths attacked the Shi'ite protesters as they took their procession inside town.

It was also gathered from different source that the Sunni youths confronted the procession which resulted in a flash of violence that led to the death of two persons.

LEADERSHIP gathered that there were casualties on both sides; however, security operatives kept mum on the figure of casualties when contacted.

A security source from the Department of State Services (DSS) in the state confided in LEADERSHIP that it was the timely intervention of the security personnel that helped to keep the casualty level low.

The leader of the sect in the state, Mallam Kasimu Rinin Tawaye, was said to have been heavily guarded by ardent supporters of the movement while the procession lasted.

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