

Three killed in drivers' clash

THREE persons were feared killed yesterday at Iyana-Ipaja and Agege areas of Lagos State when a clash broke out between rival factions of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW).

The fight was over the control of some motor parks in the area.

Over 20 persons were also reportedly injured in the crisis.

However, police have arrested the rival faction leaders, Messrs Saka Saula and one Otegbeye who are being detained at the state command headquarters in Ikeja.

It was gathered that 23 other members of the rival groups, who were also arrested, have been trans-

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ferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), Panti, Yaba.

Some of the injured include Akeem Aliu, Suraju Osoh, Taye Daleko and Saidi Orilani, who are said to be receiving treatment at different hospitals in the area.

Among those arrested and taken to SCID are Tunde Yussuf, Odunayo, and Adeujwa.

The command's spokesman, Mr. Olubode Ojajuni, a Superintendent (SP) however, denied that anybody was killed.

The Nation learnt that trouble started when a faction of the union, led by Saula, attempted to take over the Agege park from the in-

cumbent chairman.

The move was resisted by the other group leading to the clash.

From as early as 9am, traffic on the busy Lagos-Abeokuta Expressway which passes through Iyana-Ipaja was impeded.

Loyalists of one of the factional leaders, mainly young men, armed with pestles, rods, planks with multiple six-inch nails sticking out, took over the Expressway in a show of strength. Most of them were half naked.

They harassed commuters and stopped all vehicles heading towards Ikeja and Oshodi.

Several vehicles frenziedly reversed on the highway. Hundreds of passen-