

One killed in Osogbo violence

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A MIDDLE-aged man, Isiaka, was killed yesterday in Osogbo, as political thugs invaded the local government secretariat, bringing the council crisis to a peak.

Isiaka, who is said to be a political associate of the council boss, Alhaji Liadi Gbadamosi was shot on the chest at a very close range and died while he was being rushed to the state hospital, Asubiaro, Osogbo.

His body had been deposited at the mortuary.

The thugs numbering about 10, who invaded the council secretariat at about 9:00 a.m. in the uniform of the Oodua Peoples Congress (OPC), threw the area into pandemonium, while several people were injured in the ensuing melee.

The police have arrested one of the thugs, who were armed with machetes, guns, clubs and calling for the head of the council chairman, while they unleashed terror on the workers.

The councillors had on Wednesday accused Alhaji Gbadamosi of misappropriation of fund and summoned him and the Director of Finance to appear before them yesterday.

Reacting to the incident, Gbadamosi who accused the councillors of being behind the mayhem, said that he had been under attack from the 13 councillors because he refused to compromise on certain issues.

According to him, he fell out with the councillors when he refused to heed their demand for additional fund for the completion of their constituency projects, which they had allegedly abandoned for over nine months, after they had received a sum of N1.7 million each totaling N22, 100,000:00.