

# Four dead in Ekiti transport unions clash

**A** RENEWED clash among members of the two rival transport unions- the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) and the Road Transport Employers Association of Nigeria (RTEAN)-yesterday left four people dead in Otun-Ekiti, the headquarters of Moba Local Government Area of Ekiti State.

The clash, which resulted from control of some motor parks and routes, started at about 9:00 a.m. and lasted for some hours. All manners of dangerous weapons were freely used.

Apart from the four persons killed in the mayhem, many others who were injured are presently receiving treatment at both public and private hospitals in and around Otun-Ekiti.

In a bid to nip the frequent clashes of the two rival transport unions in the bud, the state House of Assembly at its sitting yesterday passed a resolution empowering Governor

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Olusegun Oni to ban the union activities of the two bodies for the next six months

State Police Public spokesman Mike Akindipe said on phone that the leaders of the two unions are now in the custody of the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID). They are helping the Police in their investigations.

He declined to reveal the number of those arrested, noting that investigation into the violence continues.

The clash between the unions paralysed economic and social activities in Otun for some hours as innocent passers-by, traders and students scampered for safety to avoid being caught up in the cross-fire.

Some commercial vehicles coming from and going to nearby Kwara State were diverted when the news of the violent clash spread.