10am.

One feared dead in Ondo NURTW clash

N unidentified person was feared dead yesterday in a clash among members of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) in Ondo State.

Five members were injured in the clash, which occurred due to the recall of the union's embattled Chairman, Chief Obayoriade Oladutele (a.k.a. Die the matter).

It was learnt that Oladutele returned to the union's Secretariat in Ijapo, Akure, the state capital.

An eyewitness said the fight started when a union official, Mr. Samuel Ademeko, resumed duty around 6:30am to collect tickets and sign the register.

It was learnt that a man, simply identified as Sola, prevented Ademeko from signing because he was "loyal" to the embattled chairman.

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This resulted in a hot argument between them and Ademeko, according to sources, said nobody would sign the register before him.

It was learnt that an executive of the union's Taxi Drivers' Unit allegedly directed some thugs to attack the NURTW officials on duty.

Sources said the thugs attacked the officials with machetes and charms.

Those injured were reportedly taken to the Police Hospital and State Specialist Hospital in Akure.

NURTW spokesman Mayowa Olofinniyi alleged that a government official was trying to impose Oladutele on them.

Police spokesman Wole Ogodo said no one died in the clash. He said one person was arrested.

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