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One person was killed yesterday in a fracas between the supporters of the All Progressives Congress and the Peoples Democratic Party in Osun State.

It was gathered that members of the two political parties resorted to violence when a group of the PDP members reportedly embarked on destruction of Aregbesola's bill boards as they were conducting a door-to-door campaign in the area.

The hoodlums were allegedly led by a former local government chairman.

The political thugs, who were said to have begun the destruction of the bill boards around 8.00 am, allegedly attacked a supporter of the APC simply identified as Tolu in his residence around the Irojo area of the town.

It was gathered that one of the hoodlums allegedly fired a gun into the air to scare the people, but a bullet was said to have mistakenly hit Tolu in the chest, and he died on the spot.

Immediately after discovering that Tolu had been hit by the bullet and died, the hoodlums were said to have left the vicinity and escaped through the Osun Ankara Road and Express Road before the arrival of the policemen from Ayeso Police Station.



The deceased's relation, who preferred not to be named, said Tolu was not a politician, but he had at a time publicly declared his support for Aregbesola.

The Osun State Police Command's spokesperson, Mrs. Folasade Odoro, confirmed there was a clash in Ilesa. She said the police had commenced an investigation into the matter.

The APC in the state has condemned the incident, describing it as an open introduction of violence into the politics of the state.

The party's Director of Publicity, Research and Strategy, Barr. Kunle Oyatomi, said the PDP had been "boasting publicly to use every means, including 'federal might' that can only be authorized by the

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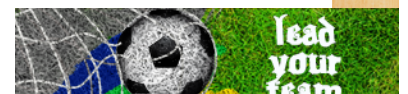
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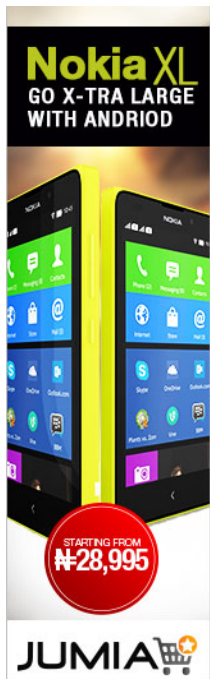
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presidency to attempt to remove the APC from power in the state.”

Meanwhile, the APC said: “The PDP has begun the process of virtually destroying Nigeria, starting from Osun. Once again, we want the presidency to think twice before plunging into this dangerous enterprise because it will significantly destabilise Nigeria, and more importantly truncate democracy.

“With the introduction of the Joint Task Force into Osun, the Federal Government is putting Osun State on a war footing. Let the Nigerians who love this country prevail on the presidency that this is not a war that the Federal Government can win. It is supposed to be an election in a state that has the reputation of being one of the most peaceful in the country.

“The necessity for this irrational deployment of the JTF does not exist in Osun, except for the rabid and unbridled ambition of the PDP to capture Nigeria, even if it costs lives.”

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