

## Four feared dead in Kwara cult clashes

FOUR persons were feared dead in Ilorin, the Kwara State capital, during street brawls among suspected cult members. The two-day long clashes sent panic down the spines of residents of Post- Office, Opo Malu, Agbo Oba and Taiwo Isale areas of the metropolis.

The first victim, it was gathered was hacked to death at a spot behind a popular bank in the Post Office area where his attackers had laid ambush for him. He was said to have been dragged along the railway line and shot before his assailants ran away. According to sources, colleagues of the dead allegedly mobilized and launched an attack on those they suspected were responsible for killing their friend. The fighting was said to have disrupted activities around Agbo Oba area.

About three persons were feared killed in the melee that followed the attack. The state police command's spokesman, Ajayi Okasanmi, who confirmed the clashes, however said there was no official report of the dead, saying the police have, however, been inundated with such claims. He added: "I can confirm one person suffered serious injury and is being treated at the hospital, but I am not yet in position to confirm deaths, although we have been hearing such stories."