



Driver killed in Ibadan NURTW fracas

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A middle-aged commercial bus driver has been hacked to death in a riot between tipper drivers and members of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) in Oyo State.

It was gathered that the NURTW members were protesting the death of one of their colleagues.

The riot started on Sunday night at a party in Omi Adio motor park and continued till Monday night.

Over 10 vehicles travelling on the Ibadan-Abeokuta Expressway were damaged.



Sources said the riot was the aftermath of an accident involving a truck in which three persons, including a bus driver and a baby, died two weeks ago.

It was gathered that the truck driver was sighted at the Sunday party and was challenged by some NURTW members.

In the ensuing fight, one of the bus drivers was killed.

Some youths and thugs joined in the fracas, wielding weapons, such as iron rods, cutlasses, clubs and knives.

Men of the state security outfit Operation Burst and a team of anti-riot policemen from Iyaganku Police Station were drafted to the scene of the violence.

Women from the popular Omi Market ran away.

The Balogun of Omi, Chief Mukaila Adebayo (alias Mokas), called on the commissioner of Police to ensure there was peace in the town.

Police spokesman Adekunle Ajisebutu described the incident as a minor accident between a tipper driver and a commercial motorcycle operator, whose motorcycle was crushed by the tipper driver.

"As a result, there were skirmishes but the matter was later resolved amicably on Monday. There was no death," he said.

