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Two dead in Ilorin cult clash

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A bloody street brawl between rival cult members has allegedly claimed two lives in Ilorin, the Kwara State capital.

The incident, which occured in Okelele area of the metropolis, brought to three the number of cultrelated deaths in three days.

Members of one of the cult groups had last Sunday killed a middle-aged man belonging to another group within the premises of Okelele Junior Secondary School, Ilorin.

The Tuesday incident, which residents claimed was a reprisal, happened simultaneously at Kankatu and Isale- Odo areas of Okelele community.

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It was gathered that members of the group that struck last Sunday broke an earlier agreement between the two sides that they should cease hostilities during the holy months of Ramadan.

A resident confided in our reporter that it was the breaking of the agreement by a group that angered the second group on Tuesday.

He further disclosed that members of the two warring cult groups are tricycle operators.

Residents of Okelele and the adjoining communities now live in fear as the reprisals may continue, a source said.

An eyewitness said the suspected assassins came with a tricycle fully armed with dangerous weapons.

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