

3) Man shot dead during Osun carnival

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THERE was pandemonium at Igbaye Community in Odo-Otin Local Government Area of Osun State as a man was shot dead in free-for-all during carnival celebration.

The Nation gathered that the event which took place in a popular event space in the community was attended by two warring factions.

It was learnt that the DJ was playing music which one of the factions considered to be demeaning and offensive. He was forced to stop the music but the other factions objected to it.

The matter resulted in a brawl and free-for-all as a yet-to-be-identified man shot one of the rivals dead.

A resident who simply identified herself as Shade said: "The cause of the fight was over kingship position. One man was shot dead while others sustained machete cuts. They took the man's corpse to a hospital."

The spokesperson of Osun State Police Command, Yemisi Opalola, a Superintendent of Police (SP) confirmed that there was fighting at the carnival and operatives have been deployed to the scene.

However, she refused to comment on the number of casualties.

However, the Osun State Government, through the Commissioner for Information and Civic Orientation, Mrs Funke Egbe-monde said the civil unrest in Igbaye, has been brought under control and security operatives have moved into the community to ensure that there is no further breakdown of law and order.

She noted that chieftaincy tussles are not strange in traditional societies, but Governor Adegboyega Oyetola has, in the past three years of his administration, proved that there is no royal battle too intense to be resolved by peaceful negotiation.