

Two killed in Ondo communal clash



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Two persons have been shot dead in Ikare, Akoko Northeast Local Government Area of Ondo State.

They were killed on Monday during a communal clash between groups loyal to two rival monarchs in the community, Oba Adeleke Adegbite-Adedoyin II, the Owa-Ale of Iyometa, Ikare and the Olukare of Ikare, Oba Akadiri Saliu Momoh.

Both monarchs have been at loggerheads over control of the town.

Aside the two deaths recorded, witnesses said houses were also set ablaze.

Three curfews have been imposed on the town within a period of 10 months while several properties were destroyed and lives lost.

Sporadic gunshots made shop owners and market women to close their shops and flee to safety.

According to a source, the crisis started when some NURTW members were seen loading passengers at the spot that government had banned everyone from loading at Oloko.

“After they were challenged, the drivers obeyed and left the park. But they later came back in their numbers with those from Iyometa and started throwing stones. When that was going on, rain started and that made everyone to leave the scene.”

“When the rain subsided, they came out again with guns and started shooting sporadically.

“One person from Okela axis was shot. He was rushed to Oke Royal hospital where he gave up the ghost.”

Meanwhile, a security guard has shot dead a 36-year-old commercial motorcyclist identified as Ibrahim Adamu.

The incident happened at Alagbaka area of Akure.

Other security guard hired in the area have fled for fear of being attacked by friends and relatives of the deceased.

It was gathered that Adamu was shot shortly after he was stopped for interrogation.

Mrs Safira Saliu said: “The deceased came to our house to eat, after he closed from his work for the day, around 11pm. He was an okada man. And later, he went out to sleep in his friend’s place because my family uses one room.

“My husband who went with him came back around 1:30am to inform me that the Ibrahim has been shot dead.

“The culprits took to their heels after the incident and the kinsmen of the deceased have destroyed the chairman’s house because the culprits went to his house to inform him that they have killed somebody before they ran away, but the man did not do anything.”

Ondo Police spokesman, Funmilayo Odunlami-Omisanya, said one person was shot and rushed to the hospital in the Ikare crisis.

She said investigation had commenced into the killing of Adamu by a security guard.