

One feared killed as touts, police clash in Ilorin

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ONE person feared dead while several others sustained injuries in a fracas that broke out at Tanke area of Ilorin, the Kwara State capital, on Monday evening, when some youths suspected to be touts allegedly engaged the police in a clash.

An eyewitness gathered that the crisis broke out around 6.00 p.m, when the suspected hoodlums accosted members of a film-producing company, who were in the area to shoot a scene of a new movie, demanding certain fee as land charge.

It was also gathered that the refusal of the production team to yield to the demand of the suspects infuriated them, as they destroyed gadgets being used by the team.

It was also gathered that the team immediately reported the matter to 'F' Division of the police at Tanke area.

Upon arrival of policemen at the scene in a patrol van, they were said to have fired teargas canister into the air to disperse the touts, while the latter, who brandished machetes and other dangerous weapons allegedly threw stones and sachets of

water at the police.

It was alleged that one of the policemen attached to the second van deployed in the scene accidentally fired a shot which allegedly killed one of the suspects.

The state Commissioner of Police, Mr Ambrose Aisabor, who confirmed the incident, said one of the suspects who wielded cutlasses and other dangerous weapons, died on the spot, when he was hit by the police bullet.

He noted that his men had no choice but to shoot, as the atmosphere became very tensed.