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There was pandemonium at the premises of the All Progressives Congress (APC) secretariat in Osogbo, Osun State, on Friday, when protesting members of the party aggrieved over the conduct of the ward congress clashed with some policemen.

Saturday Tribune gathered that majority of the demonstrators initially engaged in confrontation with some members at

the party office, where weapons such as axes and machetes were used.

An eyewitness informed Saturday Tribune that one person who was allegedly attacked with a charm laid unconscious on the floor around 10. 57 am, when the violent clash occurred. Two persons were said to have been killed, but this could not be confirmed as of the time of filing this report.

The chaotic situation, which caused gridlock along Gbongan/Ibadan expressway, where the party secretariat is located, made the riot policemen to fire teargas canisters at the demonstrators.

Credible source informed Saturday Tribune that scores of people sustained varying degrees of injuries in the ensuing melee as passerby, shop owners and traders near the vicinity of the clash scampered for safety.

An ambulance was sighted, moving some of the injured persons to the emergency unit of the Ladoke Akintola University Teaching Hospital, Osogbo.

It would be recalled that pocket of violence had greeted the ward congresses of the APC earlier in the week, with attacks within factional groups over attempts to control the party structure.

Reacting over the incident, the party's director of publicity, research and strategy, Mr Kunle Oyatomi, said "we had a minor disagreement among our party members in Boripe Local Government over the congress in that council."

According to him, "those who were not comfortable with the list of the executive being submitted came to the party's secretariat in Osogbo to protest.

"Hoodlums who had no business with these members sneaked in with them. But, the quick intervention of the security officers in the party secretariat put them at check. No one was killed as being rumoured by the opposition."

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