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AT least, two people were

feared dead during a fra-

cas involving members

of the National Union of

Road Transport Workers

(NURTW), in Ikare-Ako-

ko, headquarters of Akoko

North East Local Govern-

The melee, which was caused by the leadership

crisis within the union in the

area, also left more than 10

ed S's ment Area of Ondo State.

The demonstrators went

Roads. 2 feared dead, 10 injured in Ondo NURTW clash

people injured.

It was gathered that members of the union invaded the street as early as 7.00 a.m on Thursday, to protest over the continue stay in office of the chairman of the union in Ikare Akoko

The protesters, who were armed with dangerous weapons, including guns, moved around the town threatening the peace of the hilly community hindering vehicular movement in the town.

sive Devices (IEDs).

It took the intervention of the military personnel in the area to restore normalcy and prevent the complete breakdown of law and order

Confirming the incident, the Divisional Police Officer (DPO), in charge of the area, Mr Musiliu Sogbade ,said inormalcy has been restored in the area and commended the synergy between the security operatives for their quick intervention in restorfrom holding the usual midweek service at the mountain top, while the incident was reported at the Ijapo Police station.

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He said the police from the Ijapo area responded swiftly and the remains of the man was deposited at the State Specialist Hospital in Akure.

He, however, said the community has been deserted following the indiscriminate arrest by men of the State Criminal Investigation Department (CID) that invaded the area.

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