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But at a parallel congress held at the Olubadan Stadium by a splinter group from

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# 1 killed as transport unions clash in Niger

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TRAGEDY struck in Minna, Niger State, on Saturday, as fracas between members of the state chapters of Road Transport Employees Association of Nigeria (RTEAN) and the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW), led to the death of one person and another one injured.

Trouble began around 8:30 a.m. at the Abdulsalami Abubakar motor park in Tunga, on the outskirts of Minna, when the two union members engaged one an-

other in a fight over whose turn it was to pick a passenger travelling out of the town.

*Sunday Tribune* gathered that when an unidentified passenger arrived at the park and made an attempt to board one of the inter-state taxi cabs belonging to a member of the RTEAN, some members of the NURTW challenged the driver of the cab, insisting that it was not the turn of the RTEAN members to pick passengers.

They were said to have

prevented the passenger from entering a vehicle belonging to member of the NURTW who was also calling for passengers travelling out of Minna at the time, which the passenger obliged, to the dissatisfaction of members of RTEAN present at the park.

No sooner had the earlier driver and member of the RTEAN, from whose vehicle the passenger was being taken than member raised the alarm, resulting in a free-for-all between members of the opposing transport unions at the park.

The two unions resorted to the use of weapons, while people around called the attention of the Niger State Police Command to the situation.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Niger State Police Command, Mr. Bala Ekana, a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), confirmed the incident.

"We were called by some concerned citizens to go to the park to arrest the situation and we dispatched some of our men to the park. But on their arrival near the scene, some of the hoodlums sighted the police and fled in different directions."

## t to spend N11.4bn on ads in 2017

the N11.4 billion was part of the N24 billion earmarked for the ministries of works, housing and transport for capital projects.

The document indicates that N3.4 billion was set aside for trunk roads, N400 million for ring roads and N250 million for box culverts.

It also shows that N500 million will be spent on the supply and installation of streetlights, while N150 mil-

lion was for street naming and house numbering.

It also says N97 million will be spent on beautification of bus rapid traffic lanes and road pavements from Kawo Flyover to Lugard Hall roundabout.

Similarly, N1.3 billion was allocated for the provision of infrastructure at new layouts while public housing would gulp N500 million, through private-public partnerships.