

Seven feared killed as Hausa, Yoruba motorcyclists clash in Ogun

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IBESE community in Yewa North Local Government Area of Ogun State was on Tuesday thrown into confusion as Hausa and Yoruba motorcyclists engaged themselves in a clash which left about seven persons dead.

Nigerian Tribune learnt that the clashes, which started on Monday, snowballed into full crisis on Tuesday.

The motorcyclists, said to be operating at Dangote Cement factory junction, were

said to be fighting over increase in daily ticket fee from N600 to N800.

A source within the community told newsmen that about 12 motorcycles were burnt, while one of the trucks of the cement factory was hijacked and used to block a road in the area.

A resident of the area who preferred anonymity said military men had been deployed in the area on Monday to quell the situation, but the aggrieved groups renewed hostilities on Tuesday.

It was learnt that one of

the military men opened fire on one of the indigenes and killed him, which then escalated the situation.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, Abimbola Oyeyemi, in an interview with newsmen, could, however, not confirm the number of casualties involved in the crisis.

He said the command was already on top of the situation, just as he urged residents to go about their normal businesses.

He said: "It was a minor struggle that snowballed into a serious crisis."