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Many injured in PDP/APC supporters' clash in Osun

One killed, one injured during attack on Bauchi guber candidate

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THERE was pandemonium in Ile-Ife, Osun State on Monday evening after supporters of the All Progressives Congress (APC) and the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) engaged in a fierce battle where dangerous weapons like guns, cutlasses, charms, broken bottles, axes, knives, among others were used freely.

About 10 people were reportedly hacked with machetes and axes, while scores others sustained gunshot wounds during the clash which lasted for about two hours.

Supporters of the two par-

ties, however, denied instigating the crisis which threw the entire town into a state of confusion.

The clash, which occurred at Ita-Akogun area at about 6:00p.m., saw residents, shop owners, traders and motorists scampering for safety.

Those injured were later taken to different hospitals for medical attention, while the prompt intervention of operatives of the state police command brought an end to the clash.

The state police command, in its reaction, confirmed the development, just as it added that normalcy had been restored to the town.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO),

Mrs Yemisi Opalola, while speaking with the Nigerian Tribune, charged members of the public to always conduct themselves in lawful manner and allow harmony in the society.

In a related development, the ongoing campaign of the gubernatorial candidate of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Bauchi State, Air Marshal Saddique Baba Abubakar (ret'd), turned bloody on Monday after one person was killed while one other was injured when suspected hoodlums attacked the team.

The incident occurred in Akuyam, Misau Local Government Area of the state when the campaign train

moved there for electioneering campaigns.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP Ahmed Wakil, in a telephone interview with newsmen on Tuesday, confirmed the incident.

He said the two persons who were injured were rushed to the Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Azare, headquarters of Katagum Local Government Area for treatment.

He, however, said one of those injured died on Tuesday morning at the hospital while receiving treatment.

He added that the Commissioner of Police, Aminu Alhassan, had directed investigation into the incident.

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