

Father of suspected kidnapper, others killed in Kwara market clash

Biola Azeez August 13, 2025



Six people, including the father of a suspected kidnapper, were reportedly killed in Share town in the Ifelodun local government area of Kwara state.

Tribune Online gathered that the incident, which happened on Tuesday at the Share cattle market, later turned to pandemonium.

It was gathered that members of the local vigilance group, deployed to the market, had arrested a suspected kidnapper whom they tied and planned to be taken to the police station.

According to a source, the information of the arrest of the kidnap suspect got to his father, who allegedly mobilised his people to the market with plan to free his son.

Another version of the incident said that a young man was kidnapped and his father came to rescue him but was shot by the Vigilante team.

On getting to the market, the old man was said to have attacked one of the vigilante team, who responded swiftly and forcefully too.

Consequently, the father died from the reaction, it was learnt.

As a result, pandemonium ensued in the market, while exchange of gunfire was also witnessed among the sides involved.

Unconfirmed sources said that five people died in the free for all.

Also, a member of the vigilante who was first attacked and said to have sustained serious injury, was rushed to nearby hospital where he is said to be recuperating.

The state commissioner of Police, Adekimi Ojo, who confirmed the incident on Wednesday in a telephone chat, however, denied the number of death.

Ojo said that, “only one old man died in an attempt to free his son from kidnappers”.

He said: “a young man was kidnapped and his father came to rescue him but was shot by the Vigilante. It was during the confusion that ensued that allowed the kidnappers to escape”.