

# Police arrest seven suspects over killings in Owo

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**T**HE Ondo State Police Command has arrested seven suspects in connection with the killing of two persons in Owo.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Adeniran Aremu, told our correspondent on the telephone on Monday that the suspects were in police custody.

He stated that anti-riot policemen deployed in the town had ensured the return of peace to the town.

A source told our

correspondent that five persons lost their lives in the fight but the PPRO said only two people were killed.

It was gathered that property worth millions of naira were destroyed in the crisis where buildings were razed.

The crisis was reportedly triggered by allegation of wife snatching by a member of a group with its base at Eyin Ogbe area of the town.

It was learnt that a man from one of the groups had already accused his wife of infidelity.

The source added that the man hinted on Friday that his wife had gone to visit her secret lover.

The husband was said to have stormed the place where his wife was enjoying with her lover but he was reportedly overpowered and beaten to a state of coma.

On getting home, he was said to have mobilised his younger brother who had a gun to follow him back to the place and fight but the younger brother was shot dead with his own gun during the reprisal attack.

The atmosphere became charged as the news of the death of the deceased spread to his family.

It was learnt that the relatives of the deceased mobilised people armed with dangerous weapons to attack the group which killed their brother.

Another source told our correspondent that members of the group responsible for the death of the deceased had fled the scene before the members of the opposing group arrived.