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## Two feared killed in Ondo crisis

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Two persons may have been killed in a crisis which erupted in Ilaje Local Government Area of Ondo State.



Photo file

Ondo State Governor, Olusegun Agagu

Our correspondent gathered that disagreement on where to site a motor park in the riverine area sparked off the crisis that took an ethnic dimension between the Ugbo and the Mahin people.

Five people were also said to have been injured in the fight which broke out on Tuesday.

The fight was said to have started between youths who were members of the National Union of Road Transport Workers before it took a dangerous dimension.

It was gathered that following the inability of Ugbo and Ugbonla people to reach a consensus on where to site the motor park, some people from Mahin were said to have suggested that the park should be located in their territory which is a neutral ground to resolve the crisis.

It was learnt that subtle rivalry had always been in existence between the Ugbo people and their neighbours in Mahin.

Sources from Ugbo claimed that one Ugboman was killed in the crisis while a politician from Mahin who did not want his name published also told our correspondent on the telephone that youths from Ugbo killed his kinsman and took his corpse away.

It was also gathered that the fight escalated to Igbokoda which is the headquarters of Ilaje Local Government Area.

An Ugbo source said, "Mahin youths in Igbokoda stormed the residence of High Chief Oliha in Igbokoda and shot him in the head.

"Although he is not dead now but he was critically injured by the shooting. He is receiving treatment in a hospital now, we just pray that he will survive it."

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