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Two policemen, AC aspirant die in Ekiti violence

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A member of the Action Congress in Ekiti State, Mr. Kunle Ayaga, and two policemen died on Sunday in a violence that rocked Ilawe-Ekiti, Ekiti State.

Our correspondent learnt that Ayaga, who was aspiring to a seat in the state house of assembly, was allegedly shot dead on Sunday in Ilawe-Ekiti by a policeman while the people of the town were celebrating the Ogun festival.

In a swift reaction, a mob rounded up some policemen, allegedly killed two of them and injured the Divisional Police Officer in the town.

Our correspondent gathered that irate residents of the town chased the policemen into a residential compound, beat two of them to death and seized a rifle from one of them.

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The bodies of the victims were deposited in the mortuary while doctors were still battling to save the life of the DPO, whose name could not be ascertained.

Our correspondent, who visited the mortuary of the Teaching Hospital, Ado-Ekiti, where the bodies of the victims were deposited, saw armed policemen who brought the corpses of their colleagues to the medial facility, wailing.

The spokesman of the state police command, Mr. Mohammed Jimoh, in a telephone interview with our correspondent, said that two policemen were killed while the DPO was critically injured.

He said that the police were in control of the situation and would ensure a thorough investigation and prosecution of those found culpable.



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