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Fayose imposes curfew as two feared dead in Ekiti clash

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Kamarudeen Ogundele, Ado-Ekiti

Two persons are feared dead in a clash allegedly caused by some members of the Federation of Igbara-odo Students' Union.

An eyewitness said trouble began when the students started distributing pamphlets, inciting the people of the town to probe their monarch, Oba Edward Jaiyeola, on how funds raised in the last anniversary celebration of the town were spent.

They also demanded the inclusion of four of their members in the monarch's council of chiefs and that a new generation bank, which was about to vacate the town, be asked to stay.

They also demanded for a police college speculated to be coming to the town.

It was learnt that the youths, after distributing the pamphlets, made for the palace of the monarch and unleashed terror on it.

“They vandalised all vehicles in sight there, the palace building and in the process, also attacked the Divisional Police Officer of the town,” the witness said.

It was also gathered that a yet-to-be-identified leader of the rampaging youths was killed in the chaos, while a yet-to-be-identified policeman was also lynched to death by the protesters and his rifle taken away by his assailants.

Governor Ayodele Fayose stormed the area around 6pm in company with the state Commissioner of Police, Mr. Ibrahim Chafe, and other security operatives and immediately met with leaders and residents of the town.



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To arrest the situation, the governor declared a seven-day curfew from 7am to 6pm daily on the community.

“This is a very bad development. It is a big shame on the community. I am assuring you that we will get to the root of this matter and ensure that perpetrators are dealt with,” he said.

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