



One dead, three injured as OPC factions clash in Osun

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ONE Bolaji Owolewa has been declared dead following deadly clashes involving members of Odua Peoples Congress and Oodua Peoples Congress Initiative in Ikoyi, a town in the Isokan Local Government Area of Osun State.

Apart from the deceased, three others were said to have sustained varying degrees of injury and were treated at Oluyoro Catholic Hospital, Apomu on Sunday.

According to some residents of Ikoyi, who spoke on condition of anonymity, trouble started between the two groups on Sunday, when two members of the rival groups had a disagreement.

One Nurudeen Emiola, a member of OPCI group led by one Ropo Ayantuji, and Abiodun Ogunjinmi said to be a member of OPC group led by one Akerele, were said to have had a disagreement.

A resident said, "The two men fought on Sunday at the playground of CAC Primary School, Ikoyi."

Apparently displeased after the fight, Ogunjinmi allegedly mobilised members of the OPC and attacked those of OPCI at their base at Asalu Junction later in the day.

The two groups, it was further learnt, also mobilised men from Ikire, Apomu and other neighboring towns and

used weapons during clashes that occurred in different parts of Ikoyi and lasted till early Monday.

"Cutlasses and many weapons were freely used by members of the two groups. Many people were injured," an eyewitness said.

The Osun State Coordinator of OPC, Prince Deji Aladesawe, said Akerele, who was called the leader of OPC in the area, had been expelled from the group since year 2015, urging security agents to fish out the perpetrators.

The Police Public Relations Officer for the Osun command, Yemisi Opalola, said three persons were injured while one life was lost during the clashes.

Opalola said, "Around 6pm on Sunday, there was a clash between OPC and a breakaway faction called OPCI in Ikoyi. Four persons; Niyi Odewale, Tajudeen Adebayo, Oyeniran Ajagbe and Bolaji Owolewa were injured and rushed to Oluyoro Catholic Hospital, Apomu.

"Owolewa later gave up the ghost and his corpse has been deposited in the morgue of the hospital. Normalcy had been restored to the area."

75-year-old woman rescued from

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Musbahu Sani that a woman fell inside a well at about 5.45am on Monday.