

4 Killed In Ojuelegba

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Ojuelegba in Surulere was yesterday turned into a war zone as factions of the Road Transport Employers Association of Nigeria (RTEAN), engaged themselves in a bloody clash in a bid to claim supremacy of the Ojuelegba Roundabout motor park, leaving four people dead and many people injured.

The fighting, which started very early on Sunday, saw thugs

of a faction of the transport association wielding guns, axes, machetes and other dangerous weapons and stormed the park in a bid to take over the running of the association from the incumbent chairman.

The expelled chairman, in a reprisal effort, returned to the park with over 20 buses full of touts and thugs, to reclaim the park and a bloody war ensued.

The arrival of mobile police in an armoured truck did not deter the warring parties until they began to shoot sporadically,

during which one person was killed.

The fact that the police has now taken over the area with armoured trucks are still stationed at the motor park, however, has not indicated that the war was over as the warring parties have vowed to continue today.

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hearing in the matter instituted by the Federal Government against the high court judgement so that the Code of Conduct Tribunal can continue with the trial of Atiku.

The Federal Government further stated that "the matter is time sensitive as the vice president will soon be leaving office and there is every need to make him face the Code of Conduct Tribunal."

Arguing against the Federal Government request for an accelerated hearing, Chief Kola Awodeyin, SAN, counsel to Atiku, said the Vice President can still be tried even after leaving office.

He cited the case of the Former Kogi State Governor who is currently standing trial.

Will Be No Election

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will have will be selection as was the case in 2003."

He further stated: "How can there be election when the APGA presidential candidate (himself) is not recognised by INEC?"

His fear, he said, is that credible candidates might not win as the elections will be rigged in favour of those who do not deserve to be in power.

On why the Igbo are not speaking with one voice in terms

of presenting one formidable candidate for the race to Aso Rock, the former Biafran warlord said Igbo are only interested in pecuniary gains, adding that they love money more than the larger interest of the people they ought to pursue and protect.

According to him, Igbo are blessed by God with talent and creativity but their greatest undoing is short vision, adding that they are only interested in immediate gains rather than pursuing long term gains.