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group of persons that violate the peace of the state under whatever guise."

## Leadership tussle claims one in Edo

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**O**ne person was reportedly killed yesterday, at Aruogba community in Oredo Local Government area of Edo State, following a leadership tussle.

Besides, five houses and several cars were burnt down in reprisals attacks.

Sources said one of the factional leaders in the community allegedly recruited thugs from neighbouring communities to unleash mayhem on the people.

It was gathered that the current leadership secured a court ruling which ordered it to continue in office for the next four years, an action which forced a rival faction to mobilise for the clash.

Many residents in the area were said to have fled for safety and to avoid possible arrest by the police who condoned

off the area.

Reacting to the incident, the State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Foluso Adebajo said no life was lost but added that nine persons have been arrested in connection with the crisis.

In another development, the State Chairman of the National Union of Road Transport Employers (NURTW), Mr. Odion Olaye, was on Friday arraigned before an Oredo Magistrate Court over the October 11 attacks on the officials residence of Edo State lawmakers.

Olaye who is a chieftain of the Peoples Democratic Party was arraigned on a two-count charge of conspiracy, malicious damage of government property and conduct likely to breach public peace.

He, however, pleaded not guilty when the charges were read to him.

Trial Magistrate, Peter Edo Asemota granted him bail and adjourned the case to November 27.

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