

Death toll rises to 10 in Ondo cult war

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The Director-General of the defunct Olusola Oke Campaign Organisation, Mr Bola Ilori yesterday distanced himself and his supporters from a deadly clash which had claimed 10 lives including that of a policeman in Ondo township, in Ondo West Local Government area of Ondo state.

Ten persons including a policeman had lost their lives in the deadly clash between rival members of Eiye confraternity in the town since Friday. The cultists who claimed to be members of the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC), were fighting over control of party structure in the locality.

But in a statement made available to reporters yesterday, Ilori said his supporters were not involved in the deadly clash that had left eight dead in Ondo at the weekend and other two on Monday. According to him, the clash had nothing to do with him as it was between the APC members. Ilori said: "It is APC versus APC fracas. For the avoidance of doubt, none of my supporters was involved in the deadly clash. The clash that claimed ten souls was APC versus APC fracas.

"I learnt it was because one group was trying to show supremacy over the other and claiming to be the genuine supporter of Aketi while the other is fake in posturing for relevance and subsequent appointments.

"It will be recalled that apart for age long rivalry, while Mrs Fagbemi has been a supporter of the new Governor through the APC primaries to the governorship election. On the other hand, Dr Ademodi only supported Aketi during the main elections."

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