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Violent clashes erupted in Ikire in Irewole Local Government Area of Osun State as gunfire rocked the locality in the early hours of yesterday.

Reinstated council Chairman, Remi Abass of the All Progressives Congress (APC) was reportedly shot dead by thugs who invaded the secretariat.

It was learnt that a resident of the town was also shot dead.

Other councils were not left out as thugs allegedly linked to the ruling Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and APC engaged in fire fights.

In a statement, Governor Ademola Adeleke said five PDP members were killed by "the APC and their hired thugs".

On Sunday he had accused the Minister of Marine and Blue Economy, Gboyega

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Oyetola, of plotting to create mayhem in the state yesterday by backing sacked council chairmen and councillors to forcefully take over the LGA secretariats.

He insisted that the Federal High Court Osogbo sacked the council chiefs in two separate judgments.

The governor said the Court of Appeal judgment did not order their reinstatement. However, APC Chairman Tajudeen Lawal asked Adeleke to comply with the court order and protect the reinstated council bosses.

In Iragbiji, the headquarters of the Boripe Local Government Area, two people were reportedly killed by hoodlums who stormed the secretariat.

At the Ife East Local Government Area secretariat, hoodlums said to be working for the rival parties, reportedly shot indiscriminately, forcing the police officers at the scene to flee as they could no longer control the situation.

According to the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN), a pregnant woman scampering for safety fainted and later regained consciousness after water was poured on her.

Police officers and other security personnel, however, beefed up security around the Osogbo and Olorunda local government secretariats to prevent hoodlums from breaking into the premises.

Adeleke said the PDP members were killed as the APC moved to reinstate its council

chairmen removed in 2022 by the court.

Meanwhile, the Executive Director of Project Implementation at the Federal Housing Authority Remi Omowaiye escaped an alleged assassination attempt.

Omowaiye alleged that PDP thugs launched an attack on him and his entourage in Ilesa.

He said three of his aides sustained injuries and are currently receiving treatment in the hospital.

Omowaiye said: "They would have killed me, if not for the swift intervention of my security team. I was brutally attacked and my driver was shot but I thank God for the swift intervention of my security detail."