

5 Feared Killed in Ijebu-Igbo Masquarade Crisis

No fewer than five persons were feared killed in Ijebu-Igbo, Ijebu-North Council in Ogun State, when two rival masquerade groups engaged in a clash.

The trouble spilled into early yesterday, following a supremacy tussle between the two masquerade groups.

THISDAY checks indicated that the two warring

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groups, Banjo from Sopen quarters and Tanwa from Atikori quarters, both in Ijebu-Igbo, had been involved in supremacy battle. As at 11am yesterday, business activities in Ijebu-

Igbo were paralysed.

Banks and schools were shut, while the street of the sleepy town was deserted.

When THISDAY visited Ijebu-Igbo yesterday, sporadic gunshots were heard. Also, properties worth several thousands of naira were vandalised, with policemen battling hard to bring the crisis under control.

Several calls to the State

Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mr Femi Awoyale, including a text message sent by THISDAY to his mobile phone to con-

firm the incident were rebuffed.

However, an official of the council area who spoke to THISDAY pleading

anonymity, confirmed that five persons were killed, adding that policemen in Ijebu-Igbo did not respond to distress calls.

Group Vows to Expose Sponsors of June 12 Annulment

The June 12 Coalition, which is made up of various organisations in the country yesterday vowed to expose all those involved in the annulment of June 12, 1993 presidential election which the candidate of the Social

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ence in Lagos to mark this year's

being organised by the coalition. "Marking this event brings into sharp focus our sense of history; it tells us our past. It registers in the deepest recess of the hearts of our traumatized population the gloom