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## NURTW Crisis Claims 4 in Abeokuta

From Jaiyeola Andrews in Abeokuta,  
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Four people were in the early hours of yesterday killed at Kuto Park, in Abeokuta, following renewed violence between two factions of Ogun State chapter of the Nigeria Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW).

State correspondent of the News Agency of Nigeria (NANS), Mr Abdulfatai Babatunde, who was at the scene, was attacked, stabbed severally with broken bottles, and his camera smashed by hoodlums.

Babatunde, whose face was stitched in three places, has since been discharged from the hospital and recuperating in his Abeokuta home.

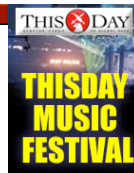
Contacted on phone, Commissioner of Police, Mr Solomon Olusegun, told THISDAY that "two people were killed, it happened 3:00 a.m Tuesday. It was a mob action, when we confirm the identity of those killed, we will go on air."

When THISDAY visited the scene, remains of the two persons were seen lying at the Park.

The union in the state, has for a while now, been rocked by intra-union crisis, which has polarised it into two camps, while efforts by both the Ogun State House of Assembly and House of Representatives Committee on Transport to resolve the crisis proved abortive.

Trouble started in the union two weeks ago, when a faction protested the inauguration of caretaker committee to run the affairs of the union's parks in Abeokuta, the Chairman, Parks and Garages, Alhaji Akeem Odejimi a.k.a Ologbonwon. Last week, Association of Kuto Market Women carrying placards, stage a protest, alleging insecurity of lives and property due to persistent violent activities of NURTW members.

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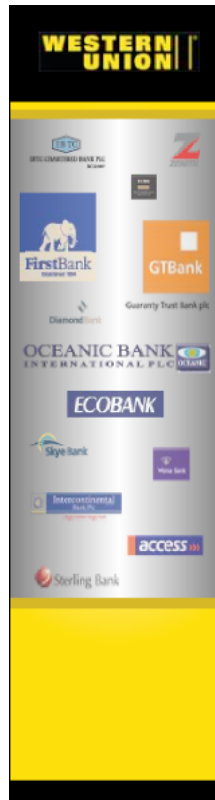
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