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### **Sanitation: One Killed as Hoodlums Raze Buildings in Ilorin**

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By Hammed Shittu in Ilorin

One person has been reportedly killed when some people suspected to be hoodlums went on rampage and disrupted the monthly environmental sanitation exercise in Ilorin, Kwara state capital, on Saturday. The duration of the exercise is between 7.00am and 9.00am in the state.

The miscreants were said to have invaded two mobile courts sitting at different locations in the state capital and disrupted proceedings of those arrested for allegedly flouting the order of staying-at-home to clean their environment during the exercise.

It was gathered that the hoodlums were protesting the enforcement of movement restriction by law enforcement agents. In the ensuing melee, one person was reportedly shot while shops, houses and properties worth several millions of naira were set ablaze by the hoodlums.

While about eight hoodlums armed with dangerous objects invaded a court session at Oja-Oba area, it was the same scenario at Ipata mobile court where some youths protesting closure of road threw the court into disarray. The situation forced the court's presiding judge and sanitation officers to flee the scene for fear of being attacked.

According to an eyewitness, trouble started when a policeman impounded a motorcycle for flouting the order on restriction of movement during the exercise around Oja-Oba area. The motorcycle, it was gathered belongs to one of the leader of the gang popularly known as Ariyo.

The rider of the motorcycle, it was gathered told the policeman that the 'okada' belongs to Ariyo; a plea which the policeman reportedly turned down, insisting that no one is above the law.

Disturbed by the action of the policeman, the hoodlums reportedly mobilised themselves, destroying property at sight and setting ablaze shops in the Oja-oba area; leaving people to scamper to safety.

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