

In Brief

Two Killed, Several Injured During Street Carnival

A street carnival by some youths in Ondo City, late on Monday, turned tragic as two persons lost their lives in the fracas that ensued during the celebration. **THISDAY** gathered that the incident, which also led to injuries, occurred during the celebration organised by some youths in Kogbona Street in the city. The incident which led to the death of the two persons, was the climax of an earlier confrontation between two rival groups but which was resolved by the intervention of some elders in the area. Prior to the outbreak of the crisis, the youths, who adorned branded vests, were said to be in joyous mood as they danced to music from a band mounted on a truck before the procession was intercepted at a junction by some boys suspected to be cultists. The intruders were said to have started shooting indiscriminately when they accosted the carnival procession. In the confusion, one Afusat Ayodeji, was said to have been hit by a bullet and died on the spot. The death of Ayodeji was said to have led to a free for all by rival cult groups which led to the death of another person whose identity was not known as at the time of filing this report. The timely intervention of men of the Nigeria Police from Enu Owa Division saved what could have led to total breakdown of law and order as they were quickly mobilised to deal with the situation. When contacted, the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) in charge of Enuowa, Mr. Kunle Omisakin, confirmed the arrest of two persons in connection with the incident. Omisakin said information about the incident had been forwarded to the appropriate section at the police at the command headquarters in Akure, the state capital just as investigation had commenced on the matter.

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