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## 3 killed in political thugs' clash in Ilorin

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ABOUT three persons have been reported dead with many others injured when two rival political thug groups in Ilorin clashed. Nigerian Tribune gathered that the incident, which occurred on Monday afternoon at Kuntu area of Ilorin, sent residents and passers-by running helter skelter.

The bloody clash was said to have followed the death of one of the political thug leader, Mallam Nuru Alowonle, claimed to have been killed at a social gathering within the area a day before the incident.

It was further gathered that the late Alowonle's gang, on hearing of the death of their leader, mobilised its own members and stormed their rival's enclave with dangerous weapons including guns, cutlasses, charms and amulet.

The incident which spread to other parts of the state capital, was brought under control by a team of Mobile Police men after about four hours of bloody clash.

According to some residents of the area, one Babalola, had been terrorizing them with his members to extort money which they called "protection money."

When the Nigerian Tribune visited that area on Tuesday, armed Mobile Police men were seen patrolling the area and making sure that people were not allowed to gather in groups.

The Kwara State Police Command Public Relations Officer, ASP Ezekiel Dabo, who confirmed the story, said that it was a bloody clash between two political thug groups at Kuntu Area of Ilorin.

His words: "We have arrested three, while three persons lost their lives. The situation has brought under control. We have taken control of the situation."