

Three feared dead as NURTW, RTEAN clash in Ekiti

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ADO EKITI—MEMBERS of the two rival commercial road transporters; National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) and the Road Transport Employers Association of Nigeria (RTEAN) in Ekiti State yesterday, clashed with three persons feared dead and no less than 29 people severely injured.

Social and commercial activities in the state capital, Ado Ekiti were partially paralysed, while petty traders and other shop owners, especially in the popular Oja'ba Market were forced to close their shops, as the transporters seized the state capital.

School children and civil servants were forced to trek long distance, and travellers were stranded at the various motor parks, as the road transporters came out early and took positions in strategic points in the state capital.

Though, anti-riot policemen were later drafted to the streets by the state's police command, they could not do anything.

Vanguard reliably gathered that yesterday's clash may not be unconnected with the control of motor parks recently constructed by the management of Ado Ekiti Local Government and the plying of some major routes, especially the Ado Ekiti /Akure route.