One killed as NURTW factions clash in Abeokuta

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ABEOKUTA—HEAVILY armed policemen were yesterday drafted to take over major motor parks in Abeokuta, the Ogun State capital following a bloody clash between rival factions of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) which left at least one person dead.

Already commercial activities at the motor parks, especially at Kuto and Ita-Oshin where the rival factions really clashed have been completely paralysed with all the shops shut down.

Trouble was said to have started in the early hours of yesterday when a faction of NURTW led an invasion of the Kuto garage in a bid to take over the running of the park.

Dangerous weapons, including guns, machetes, cudgels and charms were freely used during the bloody clash.

The clash subsequently moved to the Ita-Oshin Motor Park with the warring factions throwing the areas into pandemonium with people running helter-skelter.