

3 die in Okene fresh thug war

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LOKOJA—THE spate of Political intolerance in Kogi Central Senatorial district of the State, reared its ugly head again, yesterday as a group of thugs took to the major streets of Okene town in a shoot out, leaving three persons dead.

The gun- wielding hoodlums who used machetes, cutlasses, broken bottles, and stones, it was learnt operated with impunity as residents of the area scampered to safety.

And when the heavy shooting which sources said lasted for over thirty minutes, subsided, three persons laid dead while some others sustained varying degrees of wounds from stray bullets.

Motorists along the route were also not left out as they hurriedly made u-turn, while those that ran into them had their windscreen smashed.

The Chairman of Okene Local Government Area, Alhaji Yahaya Karaku, who was summoned to Government

House, Lokoja, by Governor Ibrahim Idris, to shed more light on the incidents, evaded the press at the end of the meeting.

Acting Commissioner of Police, Alhaji Abdullahi Magaji, when contacted confirmed the development saying the police were already on top of the situation.

Kwara starts veh to boost m

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ILORIN—KWARA State government yesterday commenced the issuance of electronic license to all categories of motorists in the state in order to boost its internally generated revenue.

The state commissioner for Finance and Economic Development, Alhaji Abdulfatai Ahmed who stated this in Ilorin while performing the launch of the e-license for all categories of