

3 feared dead in Egba, Awori clash

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ABEOKUTA – NO fewer than three persons were **feared** killed and several others injured as the commercial town of Ota, in Ogun State went on the boil again following a bloody clash between the Aworis and Egbas resident in the area.

The clash which threw the whole town into disarray was said to have been between supporters of the Coronet Oba appointed by the Olowu of Owu, Oba Adegboyega Dosumu for Ijoko; Lasisi Ogunseye and indigenes of the town who have insisted that the appointment by the Olowu was illegal.

The Ogun State Government immediately announced the imposition of curfew from 6.pm to 6. am in the Ado-Odo area of the Ado-Odo/Ota Local Government area of the state because of the “criminal unrest.”

Dangerous weapons including guns, machetes and knives were freely used during the clash which occurred at the Ojuore area of town which lasted for over 15 minutes.

Trouble was said to have started yesterday when the parties were said to be returning from the court where a judgment was given in the suit challenging the appointment of the Coronet Oba.

Vanguard gathered that one of the parties returning in a convoy of vehicles opened fire on people in the Ojuore area of the town while some people were macheted before the other group tried to mobilize to repel the attack.

People ran helter-skelter throwing the area into pandemonium while some traders quickly locked their shops.

The clash was said to have immediately spread to Ijoko and Ado where the Aworis and the Egbas engaged themselves in a fierce battle.

No fewer than three persons said to be innocent traders were killed in the process while others received severe machete cuts before the quick intervention of police brought the situation under control.

Ogun State Command Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Muiyiwa Adejobi who confirmed receiving reports of the clash however, said the State Commissioner of Police was on his way to the area to assess the situation.

He said “the CP is moving down there now. When we get there we will know the situation of things and I will be able to brief you properly. But I can assure you the situation is under control because our men have put everything under check.”



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