

Fresh Ogun NURTW fracas claims 2 lives

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ABEOKUTA—TWO lives were feared lost yesterday in Sango-Ota in the Ado-Odo/Ota local government area of Ogun state, after a fresh fracas between factional members of the National Union of Road Transport Workers, NURTW, said to be struggling for supremacy.

The violence which took place under the Sango over-head bridge was said to have ensued following attempt by one of the factions to take over Sango park yesterday morning.

The attempt was said to have been stoutly resisted by the other faction causing pandemonium and making people in the area scamper for safety.

About two weeks ago, no fewer than six people were reportedly killed in both Ijebu-Ode and Ifo, during the factions' clash to control the union in the towns.

An eye-witness said the touts used dangerous weapons to scare away people and vandalized passers-by's vehicles during the violence.

When contacted, the

Police Public Relations Officer, PPRO, state command, Muyiwa Adejobi, however confirmed only one dead. He also said three suspects have been arrested.

According to him, "the arrest is still going on. We have drafted our men to all the parks in the state to forestall any attack."

When Vanguard visited the scene of yesterday's mayhem, some people were seen with suspected gun-shots-wounds while some spots in the area had blood stain as shops owners and other passers-by were trapped in the mayhem.

Also, it was learnt that the atmosphere in places like Ijebu-Ode, Ifo, and parts of Abeokuta, the state capital were tense, while there was heavy presence of policemen in various parks in the state to curtail the violence.

Some schools in the areas affected by yesterday's face-off hurriedly shut their gates while residents were seen leaving towards Ota town and neighbouring towns of Ifo and Arigbajo.

Meantime, Governor Ibikunle Amosun of Ogun State is said to have ordered for 30 Armoured Personnel Carriers, APC and a hundred Toyota hilux vans to assist the police to combat the rising crime wave in the state especially armed robberies.

Amosun in a statement through his Senior Special Assistant on Media and Publicity, Mrs Funmi Wakama, said while receiving leaders of the Ijebu Bankers' Forum in Abeokuta, promised that police and other security agencies in the state would be assisted in combating armed banditry and other violent crimes in the state.

S-West public service heads parley over collaboration

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LAGOS—HEADS of Service (HOS) from the South-West geo-political zone have stressed the need for states in Nigeria to collaborate and agree on common position in handling matters of minimum wage and other labour related issues.

They spoke yesterday at

the opening ceremony of the inaugural edition of the meeting of HOS in the South West geo-political zone, with the theme; "Towards a Transformed Public Service: Collaborating for Enhanced Efficiency and Effectiveness", hosted by Lagos.

Ondo State Head of Service, Mr. Ajose Keduhinbu in his remarks, stressed the need for the

zone to come together and chart a common way to tackle agitations by labour for wage increase.

Keduhinbu added that Lagos being the richest state in the zone could adopt its model in management of labour-related issues.

His Ekiti state counterpart, Mr. Bunmi Famosaya said regional integration was paramount to the south west states and called for peer review between states in the zone.

According to Famosaya: "There is a need to find out what others are doing that some of us are not doing. By this way, we can chart a common course and speak as one".

Osun Head of Service, Mr. Segun Akinwusi who corroborated that regional integration will afford the zone a forum that will afford the States Public Service, take a firm decision on issues affecting them.

Head of Service in Oyo state, Tajudeen Aremu noted that the state was still in the stage of correcting the wrongs made by the past administration expressing optimism that the summit would benefit the state in no small way.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that unclaimed corpses deposited at the mortuary of General Hospital Badagry; Lagos will be given mass burial on Wednesday, 30th November, 2011. Affected corpses include those deposited from January -July, 2011. The general public is hereby advised to come forward and claim their corpses not later than two (2) weeks from this publication.

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