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APC/PDP clash: Monarch warns police

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THE Chairman, Ekiti State Council of Traditional Rulers, Oba Idowu Adamo Babalola has expressed concern over the rising spate of violence in the state.

The monarch also cautioned the state Police Commissioner, Mr Felix Uyanna to desist from giving life ammunition, to police officers while checking peaceful demonstrations.

While referring to Sunday's incident where supporters of the APC and PDP engaged in a bloody clash which led to the death of one Taiwo Akinola, the monarch cautioned that the state should not be turned into a theatre of war. He said "we don't want Ekiti to be turned into a theatre of war as being preached in Abuja".

He, therefore appealed to all politicians to embrace peace for the coming election to be peaceful and acceptable to all parties."

The monarch also called on the Inspector General of Police, Alhaji Mohammed Abubakar to effect the immediate removal of the Commander of Mobile Police Force in Ekiti, Mr Gabriel Serenkele.

"In all civilised nations, police are meant to maintain, peace and protect the citizens. The barbaric act exhibited on Sunday by a member of the Nigeria Police Force gunning down an innocent citizen is totally unwarranted and unacceptable to the Council of Obas in Ekiti State. It is condemnable entirely."

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