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### Countryman

EFCC: I WILL STEP ON TOES  
— MRS WAZIRI



THAT MEANS YOU MAY  
PROCEED TO SCHOOL  
VERY SOON

### Owa palace killing: Police nab 6

ABIODUN FELIX, OSOGBO

No fewer than six persons have been arrested by the police in connection with the killing in the palace of the *Owa Obakan* of Ijeshaland, *Oba* Adekunle Aromolaran following a bloody clash that ensued among contestants to the vacant stool of the *Baale* of Kajola, Osun State.

Also, Kajola town has been deserted by residents who were said to be scared of falling victim of the bullets of the fleeing assailant who was alleged to have shot and killed one Kehinde Awoyelu, a staunch supporter of one of the contestants to the stool, Prince Johnson Akinyemi, however, the duo of Yisa Moronfoye and Kehinde Olapade who were also shot at are currently receiving treatment in a private hospital.

It was gathered that trouble started when the contestants were invited to the palace of *Oba* Aromolaran in Ilesa to begin selection process to fill the vacant stool left by the late *Baale*, Adeyinka Iyun in July 2007..In the letter dated September 16, 2008 and signed by Ademiju Adeoye, secretary to the *Owa*, the contestants were directed to report at Okemese, Adimula palace for a meeting with the *Owa* on September 20, at the palace by 11.00am.

Another contestant to the stool, One Prince Seyi Lufadeju was said to have also stormed the palace with his supporters. It was gathered that while Prince Akinyemi stormed the palace with over 30 buses loaded with his supporters, Lufadeju arrived the palace with two buses of supporters.

However, trouble started when the Option A4 expected to be used was jettisoned with the *Owa* allegedly directing that chiefs should queue behind their preferred candidate.

Speaking with newsmen, Prince Sunday Akinyemi who claimed he narrowly escaped being killed by the shot said supporters of Akinyemi protested against the use of chiefs to decide the occupant of the stool instead of supporters. Said he "we protested against the decision because we knew that some of the chiefs have been compromised. They wanted to impose an unpopular candidate on us. And before we know, it one of those brought by the other group shot at me. It was the same gunshot that killed Kehinde who was standing behind me"

Prince Akinyemi who described the action as horrific, called on the state governor, Prince Olagunsoye Oyinlola to wade into the matter and ensure that peace is restored into the community.

Meanwhile the remains of the deceased were committed to mother earth yesterday in Kajola.



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