

Makarfi Visits Idris, As Youth Protests Lawmaker's Death

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IN what is being observed as consultations preparatory to a presidential declaration, Governor Muhammed Makarfi of Kaduna State paid a late night visit to Kogi State Governor, Ibrahim Idris, at the weekend.

The visiting governor arrived at the presidential lodge of the Lugard House at about 4:30pm. Both governors reportedly met from 8pm till the early hours of Saturday.

Efforts by journalist to speak Makarfi were frustrated by the security aides of the two governors, who insisted that the visit was strictly private. The visitor and his entourage eventually departed at about 11am.

Meanwhile, angry youths in Okene reacted to the death of a member of the state House of Assembly representing Okene, Muhammed Onusagba by attacking a 25-member delegation of the Assembly, who were on their way to

bury their deceased colleague. The youths intercepted the corpse and sent the delegation back to Lokoja, the state capital.

Onusagba, who died in a motor accident last Thursday, was one of two members of Kogi Assembly serving a second term, and was until his impeachment late last year, the House Majority Leader.

Onusagba's death came barely one month after the death of his political father and Ebira leader, Senator Ahmed Tijani Ahmed, also in a motor accident.

Hundreds of Ebira youths, unable to contain the shock of losing two political giants within a month, turned back lawmakers led by the Speaker of the House, Mohammed Saba.

A member of the House, Samson Babarinde Gbadebo (Yagba West) who confirmed the story, said the angry people of Okene were of the belief that the deaths were not natural, and that with the situation at home, they could not guarantee the safety of the visitors.

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