

Three feared dead in PDP, AC

clash in Ibadan

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NO fewer than three persons were feared killed yesterday in Ibadan, Oyo State when supporters of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and the Action Congress (AC) clashed in the capital city.

Although the identities of the victims could not be ascertained as at press time, *The Guardian*, however, gathered that the clash was a spillover from an earlier one which occurred at mid-day between supporters of the two political parties.

Some hoodlums loyal to a chieftain of the PDP in the state were alleged to have laid an ambush for the campaign train of the AC gubernatorial candidate, Prof. Taheed Adedaja, at Challenge area of the city, inflicting machete cuts on his supporters, while others ran for their lives.

It was learnt that the hoodlums started shooting sporadically into the air on sighting the convoy.

The timely intervention of a detachment of anti-riot enforcement and other law the campaign train saved the situation as Adedaja and former Governor Lam Adesina were spirited away from the scene.

AC deputy governorship candidate, Mr. Caleb Oyaniyi, was not so lucky as the windscreen of his Mercedes Benz with registration number, OYO AG 655 AME was damaged and his Personal Assistant, Mr. Osioyemi, sustained serious injuries on his forehead from machete cuts inflicted on him by the cut-

lass-wielding thugs and had to be rushed with others who were wounded to a nearby police station.

Besides, several vehicles in the campaign train were damaged by the hoodlums and taken to the nearby

Orita Challenge Divisional Police Station.

Due to the attack, the campaign rally was delayed, as the convoy had to retire to the Felele residence of Adesina for normalcy to return.

Deputy Commissioner of Police in the state, Mr. Caulcrick Olatunji, con-

firmed the incident, but said he was yet to be briefed on whether there were casualties.

He disclosed that his men swiftly intervened to disperse the hoodlums. "Maybe it was the afternoon incident that spilled over to evening. I can tell you that it was politically motivated, but I don't know who is involved or whether anybody was killed," he said.

Saraki, Ajadi meet Kwara indigenes Lagos, unfold agenda, scoreca

By Abiodun Fanoro

GOVERNOR Bukola Saraki at the weekend reviewed his administration's performance in the past four years and gave himself a pass mark.

Saraki, who disclosed this at an interactive session with Kwara indigenes in Lagos, said he has transformed the state, making it a model for enterprise, innovation, creativity, cleanliness, agricultural revolution and industrial haven for local and for-

The Action Congress (AC) candidate, Senator Makanjuola Ajadi, met Kwara indigenes in Lagos at a solidarity rally they held for him.

Saraki said: "From being a notorious state whose people have suffered from fear, political violence and general insecurity, we have since become a veritable state of harmony where people now sleep with their two eyes closed.

"From a state whose people had suffered bad gov-

ernance, corruption, misplaced priorities and waste, we now have government that feels, plans and acts for the people. From a state whose economy was tottering with rundown educational facilities, deplorable roads and critical water supply, whose health and other infrastructure were at various stages of deterioration due to criminal now reaping the dividend of democracy in abundance."

The governor said Kwara has been registered on the world map as one of the most progressive states in Sub-Saharan Africa in terms of economic policies, industrial drive, developmental programmes and infrastructure development.

Meanwhile, the state government has said that a recent political analysis

on Saraki's performance by one of his former aides in a national newspaper attempted to rubbish his achievements "by deliberate distortion of facts and figures, dubious quotation of non-existent indigenes of the state and barefaced falsehood."

A statement by Billy Adedamola, Saraki's media assistant, said the former aide's "resort to media attack under the guise of political analysis is unfortunate, although it given the circumstances, under which he was booted out of government."

The statement alleged that the former aide was initially suspended by the governor for fiddling with monthly media budget.

Following the intervention of several well-meaning people of Kwara, he was redeployed to Kwara State Television "where he continued with his kleptomaniac tendencies," the