

Injured police officer in Badagry dies

By Odita Sunday
(with agency report)

AN assistant superintendent of police severely injured by yet-to-be identified assailants in Badagry on Tuesday has died.

The *News Agency of Nigeria* (NAN) said that the deceased, whose name was given as ASP Taofeek Afolabi died at the Badagry General Hospital in the early hours of yesterday, increasing the death toll to five police officers.

Afolabi was attacked on Tuesday morning at Badagry Roundabout with cutlasses by his assailants.

The police officer, who was in uniform, alighted from a commercial vehicle he boarded from Lagos to Badagry when his assailants pounced on him.

A police source told NAN in Badagry yesterday that Afolabi succumbed to the serious injuries he received during the attack.

"Go to the General Hospital, Badagry, you will see Taofeek Afolabi, our Operational Officer II, who was injured on Tuesday, lying dead," the source said.

Contacted on the issue, the Deputy Medical Director of the Badagry General Hospital, Dr Tunji Olabuntu confirmed the death but denied that Afolabi died in the hospital.

"Taofeek Afolabi did not die here but at the Lagos State Teaching Hospital, Ikeja, where he was referred to after the initial treatment we gave him," he said.

The state command's spokesman, Mr Samuel Jinadu, a Superintendent, also confirmed the death of the injured officer.

"The medical personnel had been battling to save Afolabi's life after he was badly injured," Jinadu said.

The attack on policemen in Badagry had earlier claimed the lives of the Divisional Police Officer (DPO), CSP Salihu Samuel, the Divisional Crime Officer and two other police-

Family laments alleged non-challance by authorities

men.

A new DPO has been posted to the Badagry Divisional Headquarters. He is Mr Dakolo Aliko, a Chief Superintendent of Police.

Meanwhile Progressive Leadership Organization International (PLO) has vehemently condemned the killing of the top police officers by soldiers as a reprisal, asking the Federal Government to within 24 hours set up a probe to investigate the incident and bring the culprits to book immediately.

The organization in a statement in Lagos by its National President, Emmanuel Ezeume said such an ugly incident could threaten the security of the nation since the police and the army form critical constituents of the country's security network.

He said a situation where members of the armed forces would at the slightest provocation take the law into their hands to attack and kill police officers without recourse to justice was worrisome and capable of throwing the entire security system into chaos.

While condemning such unlawful behaviour in its entirety, the PLO also called on top hierarchy in the Armed Forces and the Nigeria Police to work out a lasting formula that would put a stop to the disturbing scenario that could further be causing a blemish on the nation's security institutions.

Also, as President Goodluck Jonathan begins another four-year term in office, the PLO, a body much concerned about leadership globally has urged him not to recycle tired and discredited politicians in his cabinet under the guise of party patronage, stating that it would be unwise of him to consider some former ministers in his cabinet.

The body advised the president to bring in credible and competent people rather than allowing less reputable and vi-

sionless people to run the government with him. It added that he should not disappoint Nigerians that gave him the fresh mandate.

Ezeume also condemned the standing rule passed by both the Senate and House of Representatives to the effect that only those who had served at least one term in the National Assembly should be considered for its key offices.

Describing the rule as selfish and in the interest of a few greedy ones, Ezeume said lawmaker should be given the right to aspire to leadership positions in the National Assembly in the interest of justice and fair play.



Ihejirika

Oyedepo urges patronage of local

By Geoff Iyatse

PRESIDENT Bishop of the Living Faith Church World Outreach (a.k.a. (Winners' Chapel), Dr. David Oyedepo, has canvassed a partnership between scholars and industry operators in the use of findings by local experts for national development.

He specifically urged scholars to adopt appropriate tools to market results of their researches to the industrial sector instead of filing them in shelves. This, he asserted, would brighten the prospect of the country's economy.

The cleric made the appeal at the ongoing international workshop/training in "Mathematical modeling, neutral network, data mining and scientific computing" hosted by the Covenant University, Ota in Ogun State.

While charging researchers to develop confidence in local solutions to challenges facing Africa, Oyedepo recognised research as a po-

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Oyedepo, a consistent advocate of indigenisation of development process, condemned the continued search for solutions to African problems in foreign lands, noting that the most reliable solutions are within.

"We should begin to indigenise our system; we should Africanise our system rather than importing unprocessed materials. African researchers should spend more time sourcing for solutions to local problems.

"Before the world begins to crash on us, we should begin to channel our intellectual capacity to solving our problems with all sense of com-