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## OAU Gets New VC

A new Vice Chancellor has been appointed for the Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Ile-Ife, Osun State by the Federal Government. He is Professor Michael Oladimeji Faboro.

Sources close to the institution said President Olusegun Obasanjo has approved his appointment.

Until his appointment, Faboro was the Dean, Faculty of Technology of the institution. He was short-listed for the position along with Professor Paul Aina, the Director of Distance Learning Centre and Professor S. K. Adesina, former Provost, Post-graduate College of the university.

About 20 people were initially eyeing the post, which became vacant on May 4, 2006 when Professor Roger Makariola left office after the expiration of his five-year single term tenure.

Makariola assumed the mantle of leadership of the institution in 1999 following the cults invasion of the school in which five students' government executives lost their lives.

It was learnt that the new vice chancellor would resume work next week.

## EFCC Arrests 14 For Cyber Crimes In Lagos

The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) has started rigorous enforcement of the new Advance Fee Fraud Act, signed into law last month by President Olusegun Obasanjo.

Its operatives last week swooped on cyber cafes in Orlé and FESTAC areas of Lagos and arrested cyber crime suspects, aged between 18 and 25.

They were allegedly caught in the act of sending scam mails to

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## • Kill Two, Raze Houses, Fuel Station

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Four houses and a fuel station were also set ablaze in the fracas believed to be part of the build-up to 2007 general elections. The rioters were said to be supporters of two prominent politicians who hail from the town.

The violent clash, which started on Saturday, has already taken a toll on residents of the community, most of whom have deserted the town.

Apart from the two deaths recorded, scores of people, especially the fighters, received gunshot wounds and machete cuts. At press time, the police were yet to be dispatched to the community to restore calm.

Feelers from the town indicate that a group known as Youths Vanguard staged a peace rally in the town, which turned violent when they allegedly attacked the personality of a lawmaker from the town.

When contacted on phone, the state Police Public Relations Of-

ficer ASP Thomas Adama Opene, stated that although he was out of town, he has received calls from some people on the issue.

Meanwhile, the PDP in Cross River State has warned that any member who engages in violent political activities will be expelled from its fold.

Chairman of the PDP in the state, Soni Abang, handed down the warning on Monday in Calabar while inaugurating the caucuses at all the levels of the party.

## FG Votes N8.6b For Power In Anambra

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The Federal Government has allocated about N8.6 billion for the improvement of power transmission in Anambra State in a bid to contain the erratic power supply in the state.

A breakdown of the money shows that the projects being implemented in the state by the Federal Government include a new 20-kilometre 132kv Onitsha-Nnewi transmission line at the cost of N547 million, an associated 2 x 60 MVA 132kv Nnewi sub-station at the cost of N1.018 billion, line termination works plus another refurbishment in the Onitsha sub-station at a cost of N0.473 billion.

Others include a new 131-km 33kv Oku Benin-Onitsha transmission line at a cost of N4.105 billion, and an associated 1 x 150 MVA, 75 MVA reactor and 132kv line extension in the Onitsha



Managing Director, UBA Plc, Mr. Tony Elumelu (left), former Chairman, Kosefe Local Government, Chief Tunde Brannan, and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, at the Grand House Reception in honour of the minister at Calabar. Nite Shift, Opodi, Lagos ... on Sunday. Photo: Kuntle Aiyi

## Kalu Explains Link With Atiku, IBB, Buhari

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Governor Oji Uzor Kalu of Abia State, also a presidential aspirant in 2007 elections, has said that his romance with other aspirants from the North is not to make him play a second fiddle in the presidential race.

Speaking to journalists on his return from the second General Assembly of Oluwalaye Ndigbo held at the Women Development Centre, Awka on Sunday, Kalu insisted that his consultations with Vice President Atiku Abubakar, former Heads of State, Mahamadu Buhari and Ibrahim Babangida, all presidential aspirants, were to convince them to drop their ambition and support his candidature in 2007.

According to him, the meetings were aimed at "paving the way for the success of my ambition".

The Governor pointed out that getting power at whatever level requires strategic planning. "And that is what I am doing. They should drop their ambition for me to go. I am not meeting them for anything less," he insisted.

Kalu traced leadership problems in the country to the election of those he described as elder statesmen as president who, according to him, should have gone home to act as kingmakers and advisers to the younger generation.

## Federal Team Arrests 31 MASSOB Members In Onitsha

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