

Four Feared Dead In Osun As Protesters Burn Houses, Vehicles

By Gbenga Faturoti,
CORRESPONDENT, Osogbo

As protest continues to trail the declaration of Osun State Governor, Olagunsoye Oyinlola, as winner of last Saturday's election, four persons were feared dead and 60 others arrested by the combined team of soldiers and policemen.

Besides, 20 houses and about 40 vehicles belonging to chieftains of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) were burnt in the protest.

The arrests were made when Oyinlola was conducting the General Officer Commanding, 2nd Mechanised Division, Ibadan, General Mohammadu Sani Saleh, round the scene of the protest in the state.

While in Ilesa, the angry youth stoned Oyinlola's convoy and the GOC, which prompted the arrests and killing of people.

Saleh has called for reinforcement of soldiers from Ibadan to beef up security in Ilesa, even as Oyinlola ordered the state Commissioner of Police, Sulaiman Fakai, to fish out or declare Aregbesola wanted within 72 hours.

He has accused Aregbesola of being behind the mayhem visited on lives and property of PDP chieftains in the town.

Oyinlola, who expressed dissatisfaction over the wanton destruction of property in Osogbo and Ilesa, condemned the spate of violence that has characterised the result of last Saturday's election and urged aggrieved persons to go to court instead of destroying the property of innocent people.

Former Minister of Transport and Aviation, Ebenezer Babatope narrowly escaped death as his house was vandalised.

Oyinlola added that nobody has monopoly of power and therefore, he would not hesitate to deal with the situation squarely just as he pleaded with the aggrieved party to seek redress at the election tribunal.