



Normalcy Returns To Ojota

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Normalcy has returned to Ojota area of Lagos State after Wednesday's clash between two factions of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) in which four persons were feared dead with seven others injured.

Our reporter who was at Ojota on Thursday observed that people moved about freely with their businesses with anti-riot policemen stationed at strategic

points to maintain law and order.

Some people that spoke with our reporter expressed delight that peace has finally returned to the place.

According to Uche Obiefule, seller of phone accessories at the bus stop, "we thank God that peace has finally returned to this place, because it was like hell yesterday (Wednesday) when the fight started. We had to abandon our goods for dear life. If you saw the kind of weapons the street urchins used, you

would not wait to gather your goods together. But we thank God that everything is now under control."

"As you can see, people have resumed normal activities. Businesses are going on as usual. We hope there would be no problem again, even if there would be, the policemen are here to prevent it. We give God the glory", said Mrs. Kemi Shoile, a trader.

Adebisi Shoyemi, a commercial bus driver wants the state government to look into the issue of the NURTW, as the members are,

always breaching the peace in the society.

"Now that everything has calmed down, the state government should look into the issue of these people. They are fond of breaching the peace. If you were here on Wednesday, you will think it is a civil war. A faction just came in convoy and launched attack on those that were operating here.

"If the state government fails to find a solution to this problem, one day they would attempt to take over the government itself", he added.

'Tinubu's Wife Best Ever Lagos First Lady'

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Lagos State Governor's Wife, Oluremi Tinubu has been ranked the best amongst wives of governors/administrators that have ever ruled the state.

This was the consensus of female public servants, politicians and market women, and professionals who were treated to launch at a three-day "Thank You Luncheon", organized by the governor's wife to express her appreciation to the women groups for their unflinching support to the outgoing administration.

"Today is indeed a very happy day for me. It is to say thank you from the bottom of my heart. This administration has earned your love and respect. Thank you for believing in us", she stressed.

Recounting the governor's wife impact on the lives of the people, the outgoing Local government Chairman of Agboyi local government, Mrs. Yetunde Arobieke noted that during her tenure, women became more prominent in governance as she built and sustained good relationship with all.

She recalled that unlike many others of her ilk whose primary concern is ceremonial carriage, Remi Tinubu led by example. "She does not pocket public funds that are realised from public functions but always uses it for social development. She has always used her initiative to do wonderful things for the state", she said.

Many of the guests also attested to her having helped them at critical moments by providing funds for their medical treatment, accommodation, school fees for their children, vocational training as well as capital to start businesses.



• Kid beggars from one of the northern states pose for a photograph

Photo: Felix Elijah

Lagos Govt Constructs 134,000 Ru

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Lagos state through its ministry for rural development has constructed 134,000 rural roads aimed at reducing rural urban drift and transportation of agricultural produce, the commissioner, Lanre Balogun has said.

Balogun who disclosed this during a briefing on the activities

of his ministry in the last eight years, said road forms an important infrastructure in the development of the rural areas.

On rural electrification, he said the ministry completed 213 rural electrification projects covering several rural communities across the state, adding that the ministry in partnership with the ministry of science and technology set up a solar power system to

provide light for the people of Bishop Village in Oriade Local Government.

"These efforts of government have encouraged the rural people to incorporate income generating activities to supplement their existing income. On the social front, it provided a new dimension to initiating or enhancing services like medical, telecommunication, education among others", he stated.