

## Police Investigate Mother, Daughter's Death In Delta

Police in Delta State have commenced investigation into the death of a middle-aged woman and her eight-year-old daughter in Agbor, headquarters of the Ika South Council.

Acting Police Public Relations Officer, Olajide Samuel, an Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP), disclosed this while speaking with journalists.

The victims were said to have been swept away by flood occasioned by the downpour in the town and other parts of the state at the weekend.

It was learnt that the woman's daughter fell into a flooded gutter. But in a bid to rescue her daughter, the woman also fell into the gutter where both of them got drowned.

The incident occurred on the Lagos - Asaba Road by the Mariere/Mordi streets. The corpse of the woman identified as Mrs Theresa Okoji, resident of 50 Egu Street, Agbor, was reportedly recovered by rescue workers who rushed down to the scene. But that of her daughter, Hope, was yet to be recovered.

## NBA Sets Agenda For National Assembly

The Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) has set an 11-point agenda for the National Assembly.

It urged the lawmakers to strive to realise the set objectives because the programme of the National Assembly relates to the justice sector.

NBA National President, Olisa Agbakoba, said in a letter to Speaker of the House of Representatives, Mrs Olubunmi Etteh, that there are 11 bills that require early enactment for effective functioning of the administration of justice.

The 11 areas of attention, according to NBA, are Legal Practitioners Amendment Bill, Criminal Justice (Victim Protection) Bill

# Prosecute Anarchists In South-West Now, AC Tells FG

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The Action Congress (AC) on Monday called on the Federal Government to urgently put an end to the spiralling violence and crass lawlessness in three South-West states of Ekiti, Osun and Oyo.

It warned that failure to do so may set the whole country on fire.

Its National Publicity Secretary, Alhaji Lai Mohammed, said in a statement in Abuja that the President Umaru Yar'Adua administration should intervene on the side of law and order in the three states and make a clean break from the anarchic regime of former President Olusegun Obasanjo.

"The South-West, irrespective of political divide, rejects injustice and inequity," AC said, warning that the people whose mandates were stolen in the first instance might not continue to bear in silence the brunt of the violence instigated by the illegal Peoples Democratic Party

## Tokyo Warns NURTW Against Violence In Oyo

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Factional Chairman of the Oyo State chapter of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW), Lateef Akinsola (aka Tokyo) on Monday warned members of the union to desist from thuggery, violent acts and hooliganism.

This, according to him, was in obedience to last week's warning by the Director of the State Security Service (SSS), Adebayo Babalola.

Reacting to the outcome of the meeting held last weekend in the SSS director's office, Tokyo vowed to disown any member caught fomenting trouble.

Babalola had at the meeting read the riot act to miscreants in the state who have been unleashing terror and violence on per-

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(PDP) governments in those states.

Meanwhile, AC has described last week's death in a road crash of 28 police officers, while travelling for an official assignment, as a monumental national tragedy and a great loss to the police in particular and the country in general.

The party condoled with the Acting Inspector-General of Police, Mike Okiro, and the entire force on the tragedy.

It described the officers as patriots who died in the service of their fatherland, and prayed that God will give their families the fortitude to bear the loss and grant repose to their souls.

But AC accused the police, the SSS and other federal agencies, in-

cluding the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), of colluding with the governments in Osun, Oyo and Ekiti states to harass and intimidate the opposition, as well as to make the states ungovernable.

"The caretaker governors in those states have resorted to creating mayhem because they know that they lack the mandate of the people," the party said.

AC said the situation in Ekiti is such that the PDP government is afraid of its own shadows, and has resorted to kidnappings, untold violence and stealing of INEC machines as part of an overall terror campaign.

"AC, which is not in govern-

ment in that state, should have been the one to be afraid, but rather it is the PDP that has been overtaken by fear and is now using all instruments of coercion against imaginary enemies," it added.

The party described the descent into anarchy in Oyo as abominable, wondering why one man could be so powerful as to decide, anytime he so wishes, to kill and maim and yet get away with it.

In Osun, AC said Governor Olagunsoye Oyinlola has taken the nation back to the days of the late dictator, Sani Abacha, by instigating violence and mayhem and turning around to blame the opposition.

"This resort to primitive despotism by a governor who supposedly won the mandate of his people should be a cause for concern by all well-meaning people, and should attract an urgent intervention from the Federal Government," the party said.

## Okiro Kills Two Armed Robbers In Abuja

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The acting Inspector General of Police, Mike Okiro, shot and killed two armed robbers in a gun duel in Nyanya part of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Abuja on Sunday.

The police boss, according to a source, was returning home from office where he met with some senior officers on the increased crime wave in Abuja and its environs, when he got a distress call from one Sule Ibrahim that robbers were operating in a shopping complex along Nyanya - Maraba road.

The IG ordered his driver to take him to the scene of crime.

"When we get close to the place he asked the driver to park the car by the road side and took one of the AK47 behind the back seat with only one orderly following him.

"He cordoned off the robbery scene and opened fire at the direction where the robbers were and they reply, then he attacked them.

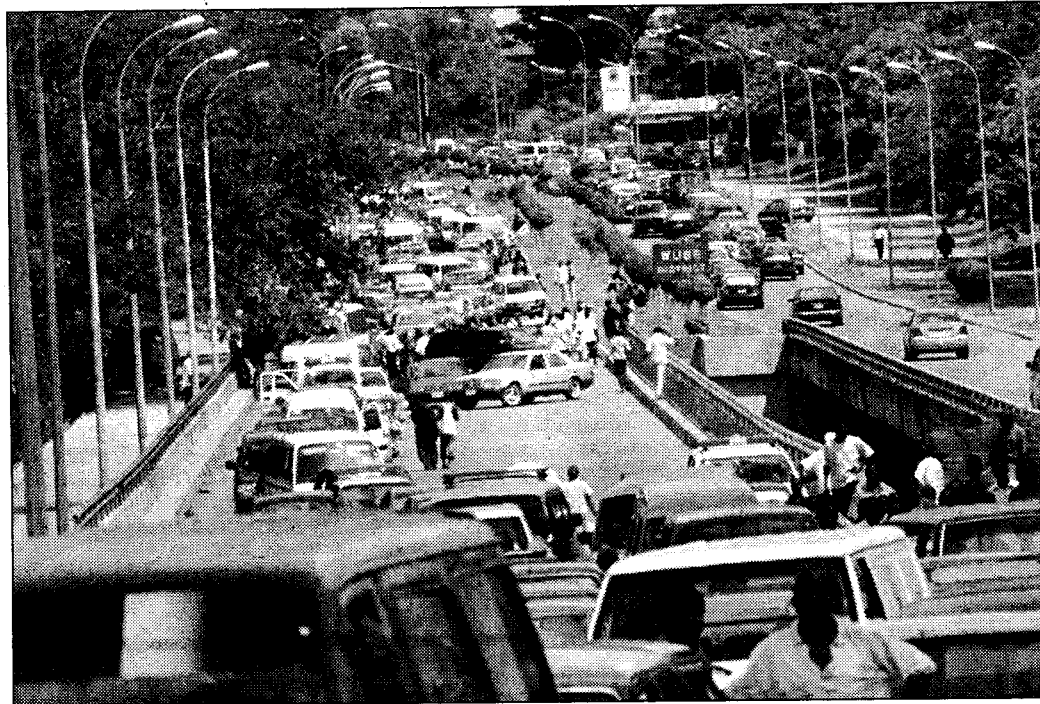
The robbers abandoned their operation and were trying to escape from the scene but it was too late because we have already positioned ourselves to our advantage.

"Okiro opened fire on them as they were trying to jump into their vehicle and run away. His bullets hit two of them; they died instantly. The rest, I think four of them, must have run away with bullet wounds," the source stated.

When contacted, Okiro confirmed the incident but declined further comment.

"I am doing my job as a policeman. Don't forget that first of all I am an operations person so I am used to gun and confrontation with men of the underworld.

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Long queue of vehicles at NNPC's Wuse area of Abuja due to marketers' nationwide strike.