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Oyelese urges Jonathan to disregard Alao-Akala's list on ministerial nominees

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ACRIMONY pervading the Oyo State chapter of the ruling Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) may not have ended with the last general elections as former Minister of Special Duties, Wole Oyelese, on Monday asked President Goodluck Jonathan not to honour the list of party members submitted to him for possible political appointments in the impending dispensation.

The former Minister, who was also one of the governorship aspirants of the party in the state in the recently concluded election, said the call became necessary due to the inability of the outgoing governor Adebayo Adedeji to work with other

Obosi boils again, four feared killed, 10 houses burnt

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ABOUT four people were feared dead, and 10 houses and two cars burnt on Monday when youths of Obosi, Idemili North Local Government Area, Anambra State, disrupted proceedings at the inauguration of the community's new Land Management Committee at Obosi town hall.

As the committee was about to be inaugurated, over 500 youths stormed the town hall from nowhere and demanded

that their names be included in the list of the committee as bona fide sons of the community.

A free-for-all fight ensued in the hall, which was thrown into confusion as the committee was about to be sworn in by the President-General of the community, Alex Ifeandu.

The youths shot indiscriminately and thereby killing about four people that allegedly included an octogenarian and three youths.

However, as the police tried to take control of the situation, some miscreants mobilised themselves, made bonfire fires,

barricaded the major streets and set ablaze about 10 houses of perceived enemies, who they felt were part of their misfortune.

Also two vehicles were burnt adjacent to the town hall while over 20 people sustained various degrees of injuries. Among those that sustained injuries were some red cap chiefs that were members of the Igwe's cabinet.

In his reaction, the traditional ruler of the community, Igwe Josiah Nwakobi, regretted that the police could not prevent the riot which resulted in the

death of the four people.

"What happened was very, very disappointing, they were trying to launch the Land Management Committee when the boys invaded the hall and killed two people and injured so many," the Igwe said. The policemen were there yet nothing happened, more than 100 policemen were there," he added.

He confirmed the banning of Adike Peace Foundation founded by him by the state government and its replacement with the new Land Management Committee that was

to be inaugurated. The monarch appealed to all to sheathe their swords and wait for police and State Government reactions.

Meanwhile the police have taken over the community with the help of the military that now patrols the area.

When contacted, the Police Public Relation Officer (PPRO), Anambra State Police Command, Emeka Chukwuemeka, an Assistant Superintendent of Police, who confirmed the incident, said the police were still assessing the situation as at the time of this report.