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CPC faults reshuffling of Presidential Election Panel

By Tunde Opeseitan
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CONGRESS for Progressive Change (CPC) on Sunday described the reshuffling of members of the Presidential Election Petitions Tribunal by the Acting President of the Court of Appeal, Justice Dalhatu Adamu, as a "hatchet job" to pervert the cause of justice.

A statement issued by CPC National Publicity Secretary, Rotimi Fashakin, alleged that Adamu also plans to change the composition of the Appeal

Family of eight killed in renewed Jos violence

By Onoja Audu (Jos) and
Oyeniran Apata (Lagos)

PLATEAU and Ogun states recorded 23 deaths on Sunday, eight as a result of ethnic clashes in Jos, and 15 in an auto crash at Lala village on the Lagos-Abeokuta Expressway.

A family of eight was killed in their sleep by suspected Fulani herdsmen on rampage at Tatu village in

15 perish in Ogun auto crash

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Plateau State, including six children, among them a four-month-old baby.

A survivor with deep cuts on his body is receiving treat-

ment in an undisclosed dispensary in the locality.

Only one boy from the family escaped from the hands of the invaders be-

cause he was away when they stormed the settlement.

Information Commissioner Yiljab Abraham called for calm and urged the people

to be more vigilant in ensuring security of their lives and property.

He maintained that security is everybody's business and they "have the responsibility to be vigilant."

Yiljab called on traditional and religious leaders to caution their subjects to be mo-

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Netanyahu pledges action after mass protests

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu pledged "real" economic change on Sunday after massive nationwide protests that broke Israeli records and prompted questions about the future of the social movement.

Speaking to his cabinet after an estimated 450,000 people turned out for demonstrations across the country seeking lower living costs, Netanyahu said his government was determined to carry out effective reforms.

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**My problem with Governorship primary rerun for Kogi
PDP - Speaker**

Everything is by fate and the divine work of God Almighty. If you go down memory lane, on our way to 2007 general election, as the candidate of PDP, few days to the election, my home was burnt down

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cautious of where they go and the kind of people they mingle with.

Barki Ladi Council Chairman, Emmanuel Loman, and the lawmaker representing the constituency in the state Assembly, Gyang Fulani, told journalists that the situation is getting out of hand.

They said 20 people have been killed in the council area in the past two weeks alone.

They alleged that a neighbouring community of "Mahanga dominantly inhabited by Fulani herdsmen extraction" is responsible for the attacks.

Loman and Fulani asked the security agencies to search the Mahanga community to fish out weapons stocked by the herdsmen.

In another development, a time bomb planted at Makera market in Riyom Council was recovered on Sunday by the police anti-bomb squad.

The device was spotted by residents who reported to the police.

It was first discovered by an 80-year-old man in a container with a wall clock.

The police said the explosive had failed to go off because of the weak batteries in it.

Back in Jos, the Hausa community has set up a security committee of eight members to end hostilities between Muslim youths and natives.

Committee Chairman Aminu Abdulmalik said the panel, which has the backing of Council of Ulama and Jamatul Nasril Islam (JNI), met with stakeholders on Saturday, including the youths, and urged them to lay down their arms.

The panel has met with the security agencies on how collaboration can end the crisis.

Abdulmalik added that efforts are being made to meet with other groups, recalling that violence has brought nothing except pain and anguish to the residents of Jos over the years.

In Ogun, a crash involving

an 18-seater passenger bus claimed the lives of 15 occupants who were travelling from Lagos to Abeokuta.

One of its front tyres burst at Lala village while in top speed.

Eyewitnesses recounted that after the flat tyre, the vehicle somersaulted twice before bursting into wild flames which killed 15 of the 18 passengers.

The accident occurred about 10 minutes after the driver had refilled the tank at a fuel station.

Two female passengers and the driver were among the survivors who escaped through the shattered windscreen of the burning vehicle.

One of them, Saidat Rahmon, a part-time business administration student of the Lagos State Polytechnic (LASPOTECH), Isolo, Lagos, was taken to the Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Abeokuta by an unidentified good Samaritan.

She was going to attend her elder brother's wedding

in Abeokuta.

Rahmon's head and other parts of her body were wrapped in blood stained bandage at the intensive care unit of the FMC on Sunday evening.

Her father, Kabiru, and other family members gave glory to God for sparing her life and prayed for the repose of the souls of the 15 dead passengers.

Iyabo Fadipo, the other survivor, was taken to Akinlughade Medical Hospital, close to former President Olusegun Obasanjo's residence.

Family sources said she was responding to treatment.

Her friend, Fatimo Popoola, praised God for her life.

Popoola appealed to the Vehicle Inspection Unit of the Ogun State Ministry of Transportation and the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) to step up their activities and save the public from avoidable deaths on the roads.