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other sources of sustenance aside federal allocation."

Malik Usman Cheche (PDP Niger) who assaulted him and becoming uncontrol-

Chamber."

Policeman killed, one injured as violence mar Ajimobi's event

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DARK ERA of political thuggery and violence reared its ugly head in Ibadan on Friday at the last lap of 'Meet the people' tour of the governor of Oyo State, Abiola Ajimobi during which a policeman was killed and another one injured.

Confirming the incident, the state Police Command spokesperson, Olabisi Ilobanefor disclosed that the state Commissioner of Po-

lice, Kola Sodipo was pained by the incident and that he had vowed to deal ruthlessly with political thuggery and hooliganism in the state.

The Oyo Police Command spokesperson, who said 18 suspects were arrested at Oke-Padre in Ibadan North-West Local Government area of the state where the violence occurred said the suspects would be thoroughly investigated and whoever found to be involved would face the full wrath of the law.

Ilobanefor hinted that the command was fully prepared for the challenges ahead as far as the 2015 general elections were concerned and urged the various political parties to warn their supporters as no act of brigandage before, during and after the election would be tolerated.

Meanwhile, the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) in the state has lamented the violence, said to have occurred on the last day of the tour of the state

governor, Ajimobi.

The party said its rank was infiltrated by thugs wearing the party's vests as it distanced itself from the violence in a reaction issued by its Publicity Secretary, Wale Shadare.

According to the party, "the opposition parties, apparently overwhelmed by the success of the governor's 'Meet-the-People' tour and distribution of letters of appointment to teachers, embarked on the violence to embarrass the governor and

take the shine off the 'successful tour'.

"Why was it that this happened on the last day of the tour? Why did they choose the governor's local government to inflict the mayhem", the party asked?

Restating that the party had eliminated violence in the state in the last three and half years and abhors thuggery and violence, the APC said its party-led government would not leave any stone unturned in bringing the perpetrators to justice.

and Lagos State must be liberated from the bondage they have been subjected to over the years.

"I have decided to join the race to accomplish two missions. One is to liberate our great party, PDP and the other is to liberate Lagos. PDP is under the bondage of somebody, Lagos is also under the bondage of somebody. Both men are in Ikoyi".

"Our forefathers fought to end slavery. What we are doing today is the beginning of the end of slavery both in the PDP and in Lagos State.