

L-R: Osun State Governor Rauf Aregbesola; his wife, Sherifat; and the president, Administrative Staff College of Nigeria (ASCON) Alumni Association, Mr. Zak Jonathan; during the presentation of the award for excellence in leadership and good governance at the Leisure Spring Hotels, Osogbo, yesterday.

of the fiat of the Attorney-General of the Federation, empowering him to prosecute the case.

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Ogun Police Kill 3 In Shootout With Robbers

Recover stolen N1.2m

BY GBENGA ADEBOYE, Abeokuta

Ogun State police command proved its bravery once again over the weekend when its officers engaged some suspected armed robbers in a fierce gun battle that lasted for 30 minutes, killing three of them while two

escaped with bullet wounds.

The bandits were caught in the act of robbing the owner of Agarau Shopping Complex in Otta, Ado Odo Otta Local Government Area of Ogun State.

The robbers had earlier robbed the owner of the complex (name withheld) of N1.2 million and wounded some customers before police anti-robbery team attached to Onipanu

division led by the Divisional Police Officer Chief Superintendent of Police (CSP) Oyeniyi Yemi arrived at the scene.

The police recovered the cash of N1.2 million, one locally made double-barrelled pistol, one triple-barrelled Ghana-made pistol, a single-barrelled locally made gun, four live cartridges, two expended cartridges and a motorcycle.

The command, however, called on the general public to help it in fishing out the fleeing but injured robbers.

The Ogun State commissioner of police Ikemefuna Okoye, who spoke to journalists about the incident, gave the assurance that his command would always make sure that hoodlums did not have a free hand to operate in the state.

Marginalisation: FG Shouldn't Wait For Yoruba To Revolt – Osuntokun

BY ADEBAYO WAHEED, Ibadan

Former Ambassador to Federal Republic of Germany and a Professor of History, Akinjide Osuntokun on Monday warned that Federal Government should not wait till Yoruba become rebellious before their agitation over alleged marginalisation is addressed.

The Emeritus Professor who spoke at the 74th birthday lecture in honour of Murtala Adebayo Akande at the Trenchard Hall, University of Ibadan, said that "it is in the overall interest of the country that the Federal Government must be fair to every zone

irrespective of its political leaning."

Speaking on the topic "The Place of The Yoruba in The Ethno-Political Configuration of Nigeria", Osuntokun said "Government must not wait until there is a rebellion or armed militancy of the youth of the South West before embarking on fire brigade or palliative measures", he noted.

The former university don classified the political structures in Yorubaland into 'mainstream' and 'home rule', arguing that those who believe and advocate belonging to mainstream and joining those in government have had their position weakened by the fact that "there is nothing

to show for the time when one of their sons was at the helm of the presidency between 1999 and 2007.

"Yoruba people watched helplessly as their roads become unmotorable and all other features of modern life collapse. They were rightly singled out for favour.

"If the truth must be told, the Obasanjo government bent over backward to accommodate other ethnic groups at the expense of the Yoruba. Since 2003 and until recently, no Yoruba woman has been found suitable for ministerial appointment in a country where Yoruba women led in the acquisition of Western educa-

tion since the imposition of colonial rule," he said.

According to him, even in the distribution of ministerial positions, the Yoruba have fared worse than other ethnic groups. It is open to debate if the Yoruba would have fared worse if they had not belonged to the mainstream.

The guest speaker noted that the fact that the South-West was regarded as a land of opposition should not translate to political victimisation of its people, stressing that, "It is true that, if Yorubaland is perceived as the land of opposition, its people would be subjected to political victimisation.