

Clash: PDP suspends commissioner

FOLLOWING Wednesday's bloody clash between members of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) at Ijebu-jesa in Oriade Local Government Area of Osun state, the party has suspended the state Commissioner for Commerce, Mr Sola Oladehinde and the party chairman in the local government, Prince Adebayo Ogungbamigbe.

Supporters of Oladehinde and those of a member of the House of Representatives, Hon. Wole Oke had clashed on Wednesday in Ijebu-jesa, with two persons shot and several others wounded.

They were suspended from the party on Thursday for allegedly "engaging in acts capable of tarnishing the image of the party" and consequently bringing the party into disrepute in the eyes of the electorates.

State Secretary of the party, Mr Yinka Adejo who announced the suspension of the duo, in a

their countries.

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statement made available to reporters in Osogbo, the state capital yesterday, said the suspension takes immediate effect.

According to him, the decision of to suspend the duo was taken after an emergency meeting of the state working committee of the party which reviewed allegations leveled against them.

He said that the suspended party men should not convey any meeting in the name of the party, pending the final determination of their case by the disciplinary committee of the party.

Adejo also directed Ogungbamigbe to hand over all party's property to his Vice Chairman in line with the constitution of the party.

According to him, the state working committee of the party has reviewed the disruption of the party's stakeholders meeting which was held in Ijebu-

jesa and condemned it entirely.

Reacting to the development, Ogungbamigbe said that as a dedicated and loyal member of the party, he would abide by the directive of the working committee and also continue to work towards ensuring the success of the party in 2007 general elections.

But Oladehinde accused the working committee of the party of being biased, as it never heard from him before he was suspended. Buttressing his allegation, the suspended commissioner accused the senatorial leader, youth leader and the leadership of the party in the state of receiving car gifts from Hon. Wole Oke.

Oladehinde who said that he was not surprised at the decision to suspend him, also said that he was not bothered by the development because his allegiance is to the state Governor, Prince Olagunsoye Oyinlola and his government.