

Goldsmith stabbed to death in Osun

ILOBU town in Irepodun Local Government Area of Osun State is mourning last Monday's stabbing of a goldsmith, Wasiu Jimoh to death by his friend, Sanni in broad daylight.

The incident took place at about 11a.m shortly after the duo, said to be members of the same political party, had engaged in a shouting match over an undisclosed sum of money belonging to their party.

Moments after the argument, the late Jimoh returned to his shop, but not long after he got to the shop, his friend who had earlier engaged him in an argument, stormed the place armed with a sword and knife.

"Before he (Jimoh) could know what was happening, his friend brought out his weapon which was hidden under his flowing gown and stabbed him to death, while also inflicting deep cuts on him with the sword," said an eye witness.

Luck, however, ran out on the assailant, when some by-

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standers who witnessed the tragedy raised alarm and attracted people to the scene. Consequently, Sanni was arrested and handed over to the police.

His house situated at Babatunde Abesin Street in Atoyebi Estate area was later

torched by some irate youths who had initially moved to mete instant judgment on him, but were prevented by the police.

Two policemen and the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) in the area, Mr Olu Oni, were wounded by the mob who stormed the station to demand for the release of the suspect.

The body has been deposited at the mortuary of Ladoke Akintola University Teaching Hospital, Osogbo.

The DPO, who confirmed the incident, said that two of the protesters have been arrested along with the suspect, adding that the police have begun investigation into the matter.

Court postpones ruling in Ladoja'

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THE Appeal Court judgment on the constitutionality or otherwise of the controversial impeachment on January 12, 2006 of Governor Rashidi Ladoja of Oyo State which had earlier been fixed for today in Abuja has been postponed.

The *Nation* reliably gathered from the Ibadan Division of the Appeal Court yesterday that the judgment which had been fixed for delivering at Abuja was so decided to forstall the

misdemeanour that greeted the last hearing of the case in Ibadan where lawyers of Ladoja were verbally harassed and assaulted by some men of the popular Ibadan politician, Alhaji Lamidi Adedibu.

The sudden postponement has, however, been reasoned by some analysts to be adduced to the current travails of the impeached Governor Ayodele Fayose of Ekiti

State.

Ladoja and his 13 loyal lawmakers had approached the Appeal Court challenging the decision of Justice John Olagoke Ige who last December refused to halt the composition of the seven-person panel by the acting Chief Judge, Mr Justice Afolabi Adeniran as requested. The refusal allowed the Chief Bolaji Ayorinde (SAN)- led panel to investigate allegations of gross misconduct against Ladoja and thereby